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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG**

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Post Office Box 812  
Chicago Illinois

December 17, 1935

Mr. Michael L. Igoe,  
United States Attorney,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Attention Assistant U.S. Attorney  
R. P. Brymalaki.

*Re: Brekid*

Dear Sir:

On December 17, 1935 a conference was had with Assistant United States Attorney R. P. Brymalaki of your office by Special Agent E. C. Suran concerning 1933 Buick coupe, motor number 2845179, your case number 43561, which car is presently in the possession of this Bureau and which is referred to in a letter from this office dated November 8, 1935, addressed to you for the attention of Mr. Norton T. Kretzke.

The Court, on August 7, 1934, directed that this car be turned over to the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, now the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and further directing that the Division of Investigation hold the said car against all persons except the true owner.

The facts concerning the investigation of the title of this Buick are being set forth in this letter for your information in preparing a petition to the Court praying that the said Buick car now be returned to Mrs. Helen Ferguson, who is apparently the true owner of the same.

On or about November 8, 1933 Special Agent E.A. Knittle of this Bureau made an examination of the books and records of Joseph Bergl, automobile dealer doing business under the name of Bergl Motor Sales at 5346-48 West Cermak Road, Chicago, Illinois, and during the course of this examination Agent Knittle found a record indicating that on June 10, 1933 Bergl purchased through Ben Nelson of the Heinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois, a 1933 eight cylinder Buick coupe, motor number 28-245, engine number 2845179, serial number 2891083, for the sum of \$1,485.00. The records of the Bergl Motor Sales further indicated that on the same day the said car was sold to Helen Ferguson, 8140 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, for \$1,480.00 cash.

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Investigations by Agents of this Bureau verified that the above described car had, in fact, been delivered by the Heins Motor Company to Joseph Bergl, the address of 2140 Lincoln Avenue being the address of the Heins Motor Company in Miles Center, Ill.

Investigation at Springfield, Illinois disclosed that the above described car was registered on June 12, 1933 in the name of Helen Ferguson, 2140 Lincoln Avenue, Miles Center, Illinois, at which time 1933 license plates number 641-828 were issued to Helen Ferguson for this car.

On April 22, 1934 this Buick coupe was abandoned at the Little Bohemia Lodge, Manitowish, Wisconsin by Thomas Leonard Carroll who was at that time hiding out with John Dillinger at the Little Bohemia Lodge. As was previously stated, a Court order was entered at Chicago, Illinois on August 7, 1934 and the said automobile was turned over to this office by the Court for official use.

The identity of Helen Ferguson, who had purchased this car, was not known to this Bureau during the course of the above related investigation. However, on August 18, 1934 Mrs. Helen Ferguson was taken into custody by Agents of the Bureau and she was subsequently identified as being the individual concerning whom previous investigation had been made. Helen Ferguson advised that she purchased the car through the Bergl Motor Sales, St. Louis, Illinois on or about June 10, 1933 and that subsequently thereto she learned that a check was being made upon the car by Agents of the Bureau and that shortly after the purchase of the said car she drove the same to Fox River Grove, Illinois and turned it over to an individual by the name of Louis Carmocky, now deceased, who was at that time a contact for the various members of the Dillinger mob. According to Helen Ferguson this car was turned over to Thomas Leonard Carroll, a Dillinger gangster, by Louis Carmocky without her consent or knowledge and Helen Ferguson has now orally requested the return of this car to her.

Will you kindly advise this office when a petition is filed with the Court requesting that the said car be returned to Helen Ferguson in order that this office may take the appropriate steps to notify Helen Ferguson that she may have possession of this car.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago File No. 66-436

Re: BREKID

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
December 14, 1935

Mr. Orville E. Atwood,  
Secretary of State,  
Lansing, Michigan

Attention: Mr. E. E. McConnell,  
Title Division

Dear Sir:

Kindly place a stop notice in your file against  
the registration of a 1935 Plymouth, four door sedan,  
motor No. PJ322772, serial No. 2219207.

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope which  
requires no postage for your reply as to whether or not  
this car is now registered. In replying kindly refer to  
our file #7-25.

It will be greatly appreciated in the event  
that application is made to register this car that this  
office be notified immediately.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance  
in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

W. J. West,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 17, 1935

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Postmaster

St. Peter, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

BREKID

It is desired that the thirty  
day mail order placed with mail addressed to  
the address of the Postmaster, St. Peter, Minnesota, be  
discontinued at this office, be discontinued.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

I remain

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN

Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515

Saint Paul, Minnesota

December 17, 1935

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

This will advise you that ISABELLE BORN of Mankato, Minnesota, appeared in this office today, accompanied by her attorneys, T. W. McMeekin and Robert Phau. She was interviewed thoroughly with regard to her association with Charles J. Fitzgerald. A report will be submitted immediately on the results of this interview.

She willingly submitted to having her fingerprints taken. A copy of her fingerprints is being forwarded under separate cover to the Bureau, and a copy is also being designated for Mr. E. J. Connelley at Chicago. One copy is being maintained in the files of the St. Paul Office.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago (Encl.)  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio

FILE NO. 7-2 FN

REPORT MADE AT <b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/10-11-14-16/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. E. MECKINS</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. FUGITIVE I. O. 1218 HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. FUGITIVE I. O. 1236 DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. I. O. 1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Edward Gummoe, informant of Edward S. Clark, divisional manager of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, located at Nashville, Tenn., and on interrogation unable to furnish information of value in instant matter, advising that Clark was given to exaggeration; that he informed Clark the individual whom he met at Toledo, Ohio and had subsequently gone on a fishing trip with, resembled Alvin Karpis or Subject Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. Photographs of Subjects in Bremer matter exhibited to informant Gummoe without identifications.</b>			
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REFERENCE: <b>Letter from Cleveland Office dated 12/4/35.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.</b>			
<p>Through investigations conducted through the Superintendent of Mails, Post Office Department, The Southern Bell Telephone Company, the Tennessee Electric Power Co., the Revenue Dept., City of Nashville, the Nashville Gas and Heating Co., the Government Reemployment Bureau, and</p> <p>informant of the Nashville Bureau office, Edward Gummoe, informant of Mr. Edward S. Clark, divisional manager of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, Cleveland, Ohio, was located. Through the Superintendent of Mails he was found to be the brother-in-law of Elbert Prince, postal clerk, Post Office Dept., Nashville, Tenn., with whom informant Gummoe was residing at 1039 West Grand Ave., Nashville, Tenn., telephone 3-2738-M</p> <p>Informant Gummoe subsequently called at the Nashville Bureau Office and was interviewed at which time he informed when questioned concerning the details of the letter of reference that he formerly resided at Cleveland, Ohio where he from time to time worked for Mr. Edward S. Clark of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency; that in the summer of 1935 he was stopping at the Hamlin Hotel located</p>			
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on Erie St., Toledo, Ohio, during which time he was hanging around Toledo waiting on one Earl W. Shoemaker, attorney at law and of a questionable character and practice, with offices in the Spietzer or Nicholas Building, pending the settlement of some bank claims being handled by Shoemaker; that during this time he, Gummoe, was approached by a former president, whose name he stated he did not know, of the Auto-Lite Corp., of Toledo, to work in connection with a black mail letter allegedly received by that official; that it was then his understanding that Mr. Clark had been approached on the same proposition and that through this contact Mr. Clark was endeavoring to secure for the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency the production rights of the Auto-Lite Corp., and that to his, Gummoe's, personal knowledge neither Mr. Clark nor the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency ever worked on the Auto-Lite strike at Toledo; that during this stay in Toledo, Ohio he, Gummoe, visited on several occasions the Valmar's Night Club, located at 17th Ave., and Adam St., Toledo, Ohio, which was known as a political-gang hang out, and that on one occasion, which he recalls to be in the summer of 1935, while at this place he observed two young fellows gambling rather heavily on some of the games of the club; that a few days later he was in Cleveland talking to Mr. Clark and informed him of the incident; that about this time there were several small bank robberies committed in central Ohio and that he suggested to Mr. Clark that the two men he saw gambling so heavily at the Valmar's Night Club might be members of the gang robbing banks in that state; that Mr. Clark induced him to return to Toledo, and through subsequent efforts on his part he, Gummoe, understands that Clark effected several arrests of persons who were subsequently charged with having robbed banks in the central part of Ohio.

Mr. Gummoe further informed that during the latterpart of July, to the best of his recollection, he was having his car repaired by an unknown mechanic who operated from the rear of 1260 Noble or Novle St., Toledo, Ohio, when he observed three cars drive up and stop in the vicinity of that address; that only one man got out and came into the garage and within a few minutes struck up an occasional conversation; that while waiting for their cars to be repaired he and this stranger decided upon a fishing trip that night out on Maumee River, a short distance from Toledo; that that night he and this stranger did go fishing at which time he observed the stranger a little closer and the thought flashed through his mind that that individual was either Alvin Karpis or Thomas H. Robinson, Jr.; that he thought no more about the matter, however, until he returned to Cleveland, Ohio for a conference with Mr. Clark, in the course of a few days, at which time he told Mr. Clark of the incident and that Clark at that time exhibited to him a large number of photographs of outstanding criminals known to be wanted by the U. S. Department of Justice, and that at that time he put out a photograph of Alvin Karpis as possibly being identical with the individual whom he went fishing with as referred to above; that Mr. Clark induced him to return to Toledo, Ohio in an effort to obtain further information concerning the individual with whom he went fishing, and that he then recalled that on returning from the fishing trip the stranger took him past a house located in Ottawa Hills, a restricted residential suburb of Toledo, Ohio, where he was introduced to four or five other men all of whom were sitting around playing cards indicating by their actions that they were hiding out to cool off from some "heat"; that this time the stranger offered to sell him any amount of hot money at 40¢ on the dollar.

Mr. Gummoe stated that on returning to Toledo following his conference with Mr. Clark he observed that he was being followed and he presumed by Mr. Clark's men, and that he therefore made no further efforts in the matter and during the last of September, 1935, proceeded to Nashville, Tenn., the home of his wife and where he has since been residing with his brother-in-law, Elbert Prince, at 1039 West Grand Ave.

Mr. Gummoe was shown numerous photographs of the subjects and related parties in the Bremer matter none of which he was able to identify except the small photograph of Alvin Karpis bearing the number 17902 which he informed due to the youthful look of that picture was highly suggestive to him of being the individual he had gone fishing with referred to above. In that connection, however, Mr. Gummoe failed to identify a photograph of Alvin Karpis which bears K. S. P. 1539 dated 5/19/30, stating that the individual in this latter picture was entirely too old to be the individual who had gone fishing with him. In further conversation Mr. Gummoe informed that he was unable to furnish any descriptions of the strangers referred to herein other than the stranger who had gone fishing with him referred to as "Doc" who was described as follows:

Age	About 30
Height	5' 9"
Weight	150
Build	Slender, sickly looking, long arms, did not appear to be stoop shouldered, but walked slankily and slouchily.
Hair	Brownish
Eyes	Unknown
Speech	Soft and apparently educated
Race	White
Descent	Apparently Hungarian.

Mr. Gummoe informed that he has found that Mr. Clark of the Pinkerton's National Detective Agency was inclined to exaggeration and that he recalls while viewing photographs of known criminals in Mr. Clark's office that Mr. Clark was inclined to make suggestions to him in order to aid identification, and that he had no objections to Mr. Clark's informing of his name and identity when this matter first appeared to have been reported to the Cleveland office by that individual. Mr. Gummoe informs that he presently intends to continue his residence in Nashville, Tenn., and should it be desired to locate him in the future he might be reached through his brother-in-law, Elbert Prince.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

December 17th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Re: BREXID

I desire to advise that the subpoenas for Special Agents  
R. C. Suran and J. L. Madala and for Photographer L. S.  
Rose, have been received at this Office. These employees  
will report in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6th, 1936.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/16/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/14/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. CALHOUN. WKB</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232; Et AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Automobile Registration Division of State Bureau of Revenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, has no record of registration of Plymouth Sedan, motor #PJ-322772. A stop notice was placed at this office and the Little Rock Bureau office will be advised if car is registered in the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from the Cleveland Bureau office dated 12/12/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mr. Jack Carter of the Automobile Registration Division of the State Bureau of Revenue, State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, checked his records and found that 1935 Plymouth, four-door sedan, deluxe model, motor #PJ-322772, serial #2619857, had not been registered in the State of Arkansas.</p> <p>Mr. Carter placed a stop notice showing the motor and serial numbers of this automobile and advised that the Little Rock Bureau office would be notified immediately should the car be registered in 1935 or 1936.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. L. Shivers</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <b>7-576 8454</b> <b>DEC 19 1935</b> <b>DEC 21 1935</b>  <i>R</i>	
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

December 16, 1935

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TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

Re: BREKID

*George O. Bremer*  
In connection with the above-entitled case, information has been developed that Harry Campbell has been recently using the aliases G. R. BENTON, GEORGE BENTON and MARY FORTH.

It is requested that the records of the Motor Vehicle Divisions of the various states be searched for the purpose of ascertaining if Campbell, using the above aliases, has applied for a driver's or chauffeur's license or has registered an automobile within the state and if so appropriate investigation be conducted.

Very truly yours,

*J. P. Mac Farland*

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Bu. File #---. Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-16-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-28-30; 12-2-35, 8-12-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. SMITH</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1218; ET AL; Edward George Bremer, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No developments resulting from [REDACTED] advises Hebebrand, Fergus and Mitchell preparing to return to this country. HOLC records checked for loans obtained by Hebebrand without results. Telephone records reflect Fairmount 4095 listed to W. J. Adams. Apartment House Owners Ass'n and Real Estate Board do not keep records of tenants in apartment houses. No record obtained from the American Express Co. relative destination where Harry Chapman shipped his trunks. Post Office Inspector Mettrick believes Karpis and Campbell implicated Garrettsville mail robbery. Description of car used in robbery and leads set forth. Negative information received from Detective Noonan. Grace P. Brooks reported returned to Florida. Ted Angus cottage property located at Honor, Mich. Simpson and Renz have no information of assistance in investigation of this case. [REDACTED] now states Jack Pfeiffer probably tipped off the gang at St. Paul of pending raid and not Harry Sawyer. Informant has no information. [REDACTED]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*J. Morgan*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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**DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO**

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On May 11, 1936, Mr. J. P. Moran, Jr., of the Cleveland Office, sent a registered letter, postmarked May 11, 1936, to the Chicago Office, Box 65, Chicago, Illinois. The letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office to ascertain the identity of Mrs. Joe Moran, who is being listed as a resident of the City Office in the Cleveland Office. The information relative to Mrs. Joe Moran is being forwarded to the Chicago Office for Mr. J. P. Moran's information. The Cleveland Office is being requested to collect any information as to whether or not Moran has relatives in the State of Ohio.

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From the period starting November 25, 1935, to December 3, 1935, frequent contacts have been had with informant [REDACTED] and the information he has furnished during these interviews is as follows:

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his wife. [REDACTED] is making an attempt to determine Mac's last name and will possibly obtain the correct location of this house in Parma.

Regarding the parties, representatives of the Harvard Club, who proceeded to Roumania during the spring of 1935 for the purpose of placing slot machines in various cities of that country, informant stated that the members of the party were as follows: three Roumanians, one a mechanic, whose name he does not know; William Fergus; and William Mitchell, father of Neil Mitchell, who operates the Mitchell real estate business; and Clarence Hebebrand, brother of Art Hebebrand. [REDACTED] made inquiries as to the present whereabouts of these people and learned thru conversation with others [REDACTED] that the parties were unable to place slot machines in Roumania and proceeded to Poland where they were also unsuccessful; that William Mitchell has now proceeded to Palestine, where an attempt is being made there to obtain a concession on all gambling and that Fergus and Hebebrand are waiting in some other place in Europe where they expect to be joined by Mitchell in time for them to return to Cleveland for Christmas. He stated he learned that the three Roumanians have returned to this country. He was unable to learn the port of departure of these men or their approximate sailing date. [REDACTED] cannot ask too many questions at one time without arousing suspicion.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] closely questioned concerning relatives of Hebebrand and Patton.

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He stated that during the past summer Art Hebebrand had a suite of rooms at some hotel, which he is quite certain was the Hollenden, and that Art lived at this hotel under the name of McKay. He advised that Hebebrand's wife's name is Alice.

Regarding the address, 3973 West 140th Street, where Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney, together with William J. Harrison resided during the summer and early fall of 1934, informant stated that this house is the property of Art Hebebrand; that Karpis' furniture, which he abandoned, is still in this house; that Hebebrand's nephew, sister-in-law and niece have been residing there until just recently, when Hebebrand told these people he was about to sell the house, and they would have to move out; that after that Hebebrand's brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wall (or Wahl) moved into this house; that Mrs. Wall's name is Grace.

The informant further advised that he thought it very unusual that Hebebrand should cause the Devlins to move out of this house under the pretext he was going to sell it and then permit the Walls to move in.

In this connection Special Agent Clyde E. Smith will report the results of an interview with Mrs. O. W. Blackman, who resides next door to this address, 3969 West 140th Street. Mrs. Blackman has been furnished the telephone number of the Cleveland office and will immediately advise should she detect strange activities at this house.

Advised that for approximately two years previous to August of 1935 the Harvard Club, through Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton, had been paying the wife of Tip O'Neil, the sum of \$200 a month while Tip O'Neil was in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. He advised that he obtained this information who is a minor racketeer, whom he knows only as Sam. He stated Shimmy Patton went to Columbus during August 1935 and shortly after he returned Tip O'Neil was released from the Ohio State Penitentiary, although he had served only a few years of his very long sentence which was received for a crime believed to be bank robbery.

that O'Neil is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches in height, 170 pounds, well built, dark brown hair, parted on the side, rather full face, and is very quiet.

that O'Neil appears to take numerous trips away



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from Cleveland and upon his return always confers with Shimmy Patton.

b7D [REDACTED] he saw a black 1935 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by two men, [REDACTED] that Shimmy Patton, Art Hebebrand and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and Hebebrand's bodyguard, known as Tony, gathered around this car, excitedly talking to the occupants. He stated that the car had an Ohio license plate, the number of which he jotted down on a piece of paper. He stated he obtained a casual view of these persons, but was unable to distinguish physical characteristics; that the driver appeared to be somewhat taller and thinner than the other man, and both wore felt snap-brim hats. He advised he thought it rather unusual for all four of the "big shots" of the Club to be conversing so earnestly with these two men. [REDACTED]

He stated that at his earliest opportunity he went to a pay telephone and tried to reach the writer at his residence, that is, Agent Brown, and he was questioned as to his failure to call the Cleveland office, and he stated that he now recalls he had previously been advised that the Cleveland office is open twenty-four hours a day, but in his excitement he did not think about this and, therefore, failed to call the Cleveland office. He advised that the matter slipped his mind and that he had not furnished this information as he had intended to do. He stated he will make every attempt to locate this license number among his effects, although some may be destroyed. In this connection it may be stated that in order to secure close cooperation with this informant, it is necessary that he be contacted frequently.

[REDACTED] will be contacted frequently. He has been shown photographs of Karpis and Campbell and has the descriptive data well in mind. He is able to circulate considerably [REDACTED] and he stated

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that he has not seen persons resembling Karpis and Campbell since his last interview.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. Dowd and Tyler M. Birch on November 27th, 1935, Agent Birch being the reporting agent. In an endeavor to ascertain if subjects Campbell and Karpis had attempted to have repair work done at any of the Ford agencies in or around Cleveland, the following places were contacted and inquiry made as to any work they may have done for George R. Benton, E. R. Benton or May Forth. The correct identity of these individuals nor the reason for which the interview was made was not disclosed at any time, and all of the individuals interviewed stated that in the event subjects should contact him in the future, they would immediately communicate with the Cleveland Bureau office. The following companies and individuals were contacted in this connection:

Mr. Northrup of the Geo. A. Falke, Inc., Sales and Service,  
17600 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio  
Miss Marsh of the Bundy Motor Co., Ford Sales and Service,  
13300 Madison Avenue, Cleveland  
The Kane Motor Co., 4343 Pearl Road, Cleveland  
Mr. R. E. Voelker of the Voelker Motor Co.,  
17601 Lorain Ave., Cleveland  
The Lahner Motor Co., 2947 Lorain Avenue.

Leads are also being set forth relative to the automobiles registered under the name of George Benton within the state of Ohio, which are set out in letter of SAC E.J. Connelley, Cincinnati, November 25, 1935.

It will be noted that during Special Agent Brown's interview with informant [REDACTED] stated that Hebebrand said he had obtained a loan thru the HOLC on his house in Parma, Ohio. The writer checked the records of the HOLC, Standard Building, Cleveland, under the names of William Mitchell, Alice Hebebrand and A. W. Hebebrand, but no record was found of any mortgages being obtained by the above-named individuals.

Mr. A. W. McSweeney, of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., advised the writer that telephone MAIN 7854, which number was referred to in a letter from SAC E. J. Connelley, dated at Chicago, 4-12-35, as having been called by someone from the Motion Picture Operators Union at Chicago, is listed to the Motion Picture Operators Union, located at 703 Finance Building, Cleveland, Ohio. In view of this fact no further investigation will be

conducted relative to that telephone number. Agent was further advised by Mr. McSweeney that Fairmount 4095 was listed to W. J. Adams, 2818 Washington Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. It will be recalled here that the above number was called by someone over Cash McDonald's telephone at Detroit, Michigan on September 27, 1934, which information is set forth in the report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 4-9-35.

The city directory lists William J. Adams, (wife, Catherine), residing at 2818 Washington Blvd.

Agent called at the Cleveland Heights Post Office to contact the carrier covering that territory; however, both the regular carrier and the superintendent, William J. Kline, were on their day off, and further investigation will be conducted in the near future relative to the identity and connection of William J. Adams.

Mr. J. F. McDonnell, Division of Light and Power, for the city of Cleveland, was interviewed by the writer and requested to check his lists of subscribers for electric light and heat service for any individuals by the name of G. R. Benton, George Benton or Mary Forth. However, the results of the search were negative.

Mr. L. J. Efferth, Secretary of the Apartment House Owners Ass'n, 205 Euclid Avenue, was contacted relative to the possibility that his organization might maintain a list of the tenants of the various apartment houses belonging to the membership of his organization. Mr. Efferth advised Agent Smith that no list of tenants was maintained as there are in excess of 11,000 apartment houses of four suites or more in greater Cleveland. Continuing, Mr. Efferth stated that the Real Estate Board in which offices he is located does not maintain files of any description relative to tenants of various apartments, with the exception of those individuals who have poor credit ratings relative to rents and that list is maintained by himself for the organization.

Inquiry was made at the American Railway Express Company, with offices located at 1325 St. Clair Avenue, in an endeavor to ascertain the destination of two trunks supposedly shipped by Harry Hapeman from 3443 West 99th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Agent was informed that the only record kept of shipments was at the Accounting office as the destination of the shipment, that is, consisting of the two trunks heretofore mentioned. No further investigation is being conducted relative to these trunks inasmuch as Harry Hapeman has been located by the Buffalo office, and this office will submit a report covering its investigation of Mr. Hapeman.

Special Agent C. F. Smith has contacted Post Office Inspectors S.K. Hettrick and S. E. Siagfried relative to the Garrettsville, Ohio, mail robbery and the circularization of carriers in the Cleveland Post Office Unit, and on December 12, 1935, Inspector Hettrick contacted Special Agent T. M. Birch and furnished him with the following relative to the description of the individuals, their modus operandi and the automobile used by them in the robbery:

Post Office Inspector S. Hettrick called Agent T. M. Birch to his office in the New Post Office Building and advised that he had some information which would possibly be of value in this matter, with reference to the robbery of the mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, on Nov. 7, 1935, and the use in that robbery of a 1935 Plymouth four-door De-Luxe sedan, gunmetal grey in color, two windshield wipers, two tail lights and a trunk, motor No. PJ 322772, serial No. 2619857, key No. BP 802, Ohio 1935 tag No. LU 571, listed in the name of Carl Baker. Mr. Hettrick advised that this car had been purchased from the Knowles Brown Motor Company, 1440 West 25th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, for \$740 cash, this money having been paid in \$20 bills by a man using the name of Carl Baker, who, in reality, was Thomas J. Shaw, Akron Police Department, October 19, 1935, described as follows:

Age	-	21 yrs. (looks 24 or 25)
Weight	-	145 lbs.
Height	-	5' 7"
Hair	-	dark chestnut
Eyes	-	blue
Born	-	Louisville, Ky.
Residence	-	125 Church St., Cleveland, O.

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Mr. Hettrick went on to say that this man had been positively identified as the person who purchased the above car and, further, that a confidential informant of his had advised him, and he believed the information to be reliable; that Shaw, for several months previous to this, had frequented the Harvard Club at Cleveland, Ohio; that he was well known to Shimmy Patton, Dan Gallagher, Art Hebebrand, Tip O'Neil and others connected with that club; that he had made an investigation and determined that the address of 125 Church Street, Cleveland, Ohio, given by Shaw at the time of his arrest at Akron, Ohio, was fictitious;

further, that at the time of his arrest at Akron, Ohio, Shaw was attempting to purchase an automobile and had in his possession seven new \$100 bills. Mr. Hettrick advised that Shaw had been released at Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Hettrick further advised, and the Cleveland files indicate, the following information: that Karpis and Campbell in September 1935, had on two occasions been seen at the Harvard Club. Mr. Hettrick did not divulge the name of his informant.

Mr. Hettrick subsequently called the writer to his office and introduced Postal Inspector Casey from Akron, Ohio. Mr. Casey substantiated the above information relative to Shaw; also Mr. Hettrick's statements that they were of the opinion that the Garrettsville mail train robbery was pulled by Karpis, Campbell and others, and at this time displayed numerous photographs, among them one of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, Tulsa P. D. No. 8009. At this time Mr. Casey also displayed a photograph of subject Alvin Karpis, Tulsa P. D. No. 8008, and also one of Charles E. Bowman, alias Dutch Bowman, Tulsa P. D. No. 8370. It was noted by the writer that Karpis' number, 8008, and the number of Nelson, 8009, would indicate they had possibly been arrested by the Tulsa Police Department at the same time. Mr. Casey advised that one of the witnesses to the above robbery had positively identified Nelson, alias Coker, as one of the bandits who took part in the Garrettsville robbery. Other than this he had no positive identification inasmuch as the witnesses were too frightened to make any identifications.

In view of the fact that Karpis and Coker were arrested at approximately the same time at Tulsa, Oklahoma, the writer is of the opinion that the records of the Tulsa Police Department might possibly reveal some information to connect Coker with Karpis at the present time.

A circular issued by the Post Office Department in connection with the Garrettsville, Ohio, train robbery is as follows:

At 2:14 pm on November 7, 1935, Detroit and Pittsburgh mail train No. 626 was held up by six armed bandits (Mr. Hettrick now advises there were only five) at the Erie RR station, Garrettsville, Ohio. The postal crew was forced at the point of guns to come out of the mail car at this time and the train crew was forced to line up with the railroad station employes. The bandits used machine guns, (Mr. Hettrick advising that these were Thompson machine guns with drums and without stocks); two of the bandits entered the mail car and took two pouches of registered mail and two ordinary mail pouches and escaped in a 1935 Plymouth, as above described.

Descriptions of the bandits as obtained from railroad employes and train crew are as follows:

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Age	-	About 40 years
Height	-	6'
Weight	-	170 lbs.
Build	-	slender
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American
		sparse grey hair; smooth shaven

Mr. Hettrick advised that this man had heavy, bushy eyebrows, and appeared to be beetle browed.

No. 2

Age	-	about 35 yrs.
Height	-	5' 7"
Weight	-	135 lbs.
Complexion	-	sallow, smooth shaven; deep facial lines
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	foreigner
Dress	-	wore slouch hat and overcoat

This man carried a machine gun. Mr. Hettrick stated that the above statement to the effect that the above-described individual was a foreigner probably should not have been put in the description; also that he was probably not as tall as 5' 7".

No. 3

Age	-	about 40 yrs.
Weight	-	150 lbs.
Complexion	-	sallow, smooth shaven; protruding chin; hollow cheeks, prominent nose, puffed eyes
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American

No. 4

Age	-	about 45 yrs.
Height	-	5' 10"
Weight	-	170 lbs.
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American and smooth shaven

No. 5

Age	-	about 33 yrs.
Height	-	5' 10"
Weight	-	180 lbs.
Complexion	-	olive, long thin face; fine features
Hair	-	dark, slicked back,
Race	-	white
Nationality	-	American
Dress	-	wire cap and dark overcoat

The following interview was conducted by Special Agent E. D. Brown:

On December 6, 1935, Agent interviewed Frank Noonan, operator of the Noonan Detective Agency, 1900 Euclid Avenue. The purpose for contacting Noonan was to attempt to learn from him any information which he might care to offer relative to recent developments at the Harvard Club. The conversation continued for a period of more than two hours.

During the conversation with Noonan he was reminded that the suspicious circumstances under which his pay envelopes were found in the house formerly occupied by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland had not yet been satisfactorily explained. Noonan then went on to make his usual explanation concerning the finding of these pay envelopes, which appeared in previous reports, but admitted that he is not entirely satisfied as to what took place. He advised he would gladly like to be of some assistance to the Cleveland Bureau office in locating the two remaining fugitives. He stated he has valuable criminal connections, both in Cleveland and Toledo, and also in other parts of the United States, but admitted that he is hesitating about going to these contacts for fear that some will in some way "put him in the middle" should he learn information which might lead to the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell, as these people would immediately point the finger to him. In this connection, he candidly admitted he is "considered right" with the underworld in Cleveland.

Noonan was questioned thoroughly as to Art Hebebrand and Shimmy Patton. He advised he has known these men for several years, and has frequently visited the Harvard Club, which they operate, but has been unable to obtain any further information as to their associations with members of this gang during the summer of 1934. He volunteered the information that a man known as Tip O'Neil has recently been released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., where he served about three years on a mail robbery charge. He is now spending a great deal of time at the Harvard Club and does not appear to be an employee, but a very close friend of Shimmy Patton. He advised he does not know the reason for O'Neil's association with Patton and knows O'Neil makes occasional trips away from Cleveland for purposes unknown to him, Noonan. He also stated he is well acquainted with O'Neil, and volun-

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teered to attempt to secure some information concerning O'Neil's activities. It will be noted that informant [redacted] has advised us Tip O'Neil's wife was paid the sum of \$200 per month by Patton and Hebebrand while O'Neil was in the penitentiary; that O'Neil's actions at the Harvard Club are suspicious, and that he is with Shimmy Patton almost constantly. It is believed further information relative to O'Neil should be obtained; his residence located [redacted] a cover placed on his mail; also the advisability of a tap on his telephone should be considered after other investigation has been made.

Noonan advised that members of this gang apparently frequented the Argonne Club, 720 East Superior Street, Cleveland, at the time. The Argonne Club is a gambling establishment, which has been closed for approximately six months, it being located upstairs at this address. Noonan advised this place was actively operated by Frankie Zimmer and Frankie Merritt, both operating the club under the direction of Tommy McGinty, the well-known Cleveland gambler.

Noonan stated he believes that Patton and Hebebrand, if properly approached and made to understand that the government is in possession of full information as to their activities with members of this gang during the summer of 1934, they might offer assistance due to their fear of having the Harvard Club closed. He stated he will attempt in his own way to determine if Hebebrand and Patton are actually aware that the government is in possession of this information.

The question of payment of confidential rewards for the apprehension of Karpis and Campbell was taken up with Noonan. He was made to realize this reward would be payable for information relative to the location of these two men furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation only. Noonan had stated he would like to collect this reward and stated it will be necessary for him to do so through a second person probably, as he would not want his name connected in any way with the location of these two men. He appeared quite interested and apparently, while agent was talking with him, was making some sort of plans in this direction. He admitted the detective business is not good.

Noonan stated he would rather confer with Special Agent Brown or Special Agent in Charge MacFarland direct as to any information he is able to obtain and would prefer not to be interviewed unless specific requests for information were made of him; that as soon as he obtains information which he believes might be valuable he will immediately confer with either Mr. MacFarland or with the writer.



Relative to the identity of the person or persons who tipped off members of this gang immediately after the arrest of Gladys Sawyer, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon in September 1934, he stated he is satisfied the "tip" came from headquarters of the detective bureau in Cleveland. However, he would not give the reporting agent any indication as to the identity of the person who gave this tip.

It is believed Noonan may make a fresh effort to secure information for this Bureau, and it is believed his reason for assistance will be mainly because of his fear that he will some day become involved, because of the finding of his pay envelopes in the Karpis house, and, further, he would like to collect the confidential rewards which the Bureau will pay for the apprehension of these men. It is the writer's belief that as soon as he obtains any information along this line, Noonan will immediately confer with Mr. MacFarland.

In an endeavor to locate Grace P. Brooks of 1556 Onser Road, Cleveland, Ohio, who Mrs. Edith Dock, formerly Edith Marco, stated she visited during the winter months of 1929 or '30, it is noted that there is no such street by the name of Onser in the city of Cleveland; however, agent checked the apartment located at 1556 Ansel Road and interviewed Miss G. E. Herbert, clerk in the building office, and she stated that a Grace P. Brooks, who also used the name of Jane Brooks, had resided in the apartment from about the beginning of 1929 to approximately the end of 1931 or the beginning of 1932 but had left, stating that she was returning to Florida. Agent was further advised by Miss Herbert that some man, whose name she did not know, had resided with Grace Brooks at that time but he had left in a great hurry and Miss Brooks had later followed him and from Miss Herbert's recollection they had been engaged in selling bonds and in some kind of an oil company and had left when officers from some organization started to investigate them. All the photographs of various members of this gang in the possession of the Cleveland office were exhibited to Miss Herbert, but she was unable to identify any of them.

Miss Herbert stated that Fred Armstrong, whose present whereabouts were not known was janitor of the apartment at that time and probably could tell agent a good deal about Grace Brooks' activities. According to Miss Herbert, Fred Armstrong had recently been on the relief rolls and probably could be located through that organization. The forwarding records at post office station E, 105th and Euclid, were checked by agent, but no forwarding address was found for Grace P. Brooks or Jane Brooks.

In addition to the circularization of the various post offices in the state relative to G. E. Benton, George Benton and Mary Forth, the following postmasters were personally contacted by agents of the Cleveland office in view of their proximity to Cleveland.

AT STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

Special Agent C. E. Smith interviewed Mr. E. E. Poots, Postmaster, and interrogated him relative to the identity of any individuals who had moved to Strongsville during the past few months, and he advised that one or two families had moved in as well as out; however, he did not have any information of value relative to them. Agent exhibited the photographs of various members of the Karpis-Barker gang to Poots, but he was unable to identify any of them nor had he heard of anyone by the name of Benton or Forth residing in Strongsville.

Mr. William Fetterman, Marshal of Strongsville, was interviewed by agent and various photographs of the gang were exhibited to him, but he was unable to identify any of them nor were the names of Benton and Forth familiar to him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Tyler M. Birch at the following post offices in the vicinity of Cleveland to ascertain if subjects had caused to be mailed or received any mail under their known aliases, including Benton and Forth. The identity of subjects or the reason for the interview was not disclosed to the various postmasters.

Berea, Ohio	Felix J. Moley, Postmaster
	L. H. Machtel, Ass't Postmaster
Ridgeville, Ohio	Miss M. Maddocks, Postmistress
Dover Center	Peter Arnsted, Postmaster
Elyria	R. B. Lersch, "
	Carl W. Martin, Ass't "
Grafton	Bertha M. Reising, Postmistress
Valley City	Ralph Feuchter, Postmaster
Medina	Neil Roshon
Brecksville	Charles J. Slezak

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Detectives Harry K. Manson and Merle Unkle of the Lucas County Prosecutor's office advised agent that they had been talking with one of their informants, and he advised them that Ted Angus had a cottage in or very close to Honor, Michigan, which is a short distance directly west from Traverse City, Michigan.

Detective Unkle further stated that Ed J. O'Donnell, formerly head of the slot machine racket in Toledo, had built two large cottages on a lake very close to Honor, Michigan, and Harry Jennings, former Chief of Police, of Toledo, Ohio, had built a cottage very close to the O'Donnell cottages. According to Unkle, Ed O'Donnell is now dead, but his widow still maintains the cottages. The Rand-McNally map shows that Honor, Michigan is located in Benzie County and is located just west of Traverse City.

Agent made inquiry at the Department of Commerce to ascertain if there was a landing field for airplanes in the vicinity of Honor and was advised that there was a landing field at Traverse City. Mr. Verney Royer, 3312 Manhattan Blvd., was interviewed relative to any information he may have secured from Russell Simpson and especially whether he had ascertained if Simpson had the photograph of various members of the gang in his possession, that Simpson is supposed to have taken during the summer of 1934 at the Toledo Yacht Club. Mr. Royer stated that he had talked to both Simpson and Renz and was advised by them that they would be willing to meet agent and supply him with whatever information they had. Royer also stated that Simpson had remembered that Karpis had been out to the Casino Club and had been quite drunk, but appeared to be very alert at all times and had made the statement that he would be willing to surrender if guaranteed a fair trial, but felt the agents would probably kill him.

Agent made arrangements through Mr. Royer to meet Simpson at agent's hotel the following morning. However, Simpson failed to keep the appointment and agent was later communicated with by Mr. Royer, who stated that both Simpson and Renz were at his house and would rather contact agent there than at the hotel, whereupon Simpson was interviewed and stated that his real name was James Russell Simpson; that he resided at 2806 Stickney Avenue; that he also operated a motor boat and automobile repair shop at that address. Simpson advised agent that three men had called at his garage and dickered with him for the purchase of a motor boat, but the deal had fallen through as the men felt the price he asked was too high. Photographs of various members of the gang were exhibited to Simpson and he picked out the photographs of Karpis and Doc Barker as resembling the individuals who called at his garage and dickered with him for the motor boat. According to Simpson, the third man was standing outside in the driveway and he did not get a good look at him, and when Karpis and Doc Barker left his garage, the third man preceded them up the alley and all three disappeared. Simpson also identified the photograph of Doc Moran, but was unable to state where he had seen him. Agent interrogated Simpson relative to the photograph supposedly taken by him, and Simpson denied

ever attempting to take a photograph, although it will be recalled that he had stated to both Verne Royer and Detective Owen Green that he had a photograph. Simpson was then questioned relative to the remark he was supposed to have overheard that Karpis would surrender if guaranteed a fair trial, and Simpson stated that that was just his opinion of Karpis. Agent questioned Simpson relative to how he had identified Karpis and Barker last year and advised Royer of their identification at that time, and Simpson stated that he had seen some government photographs of the "bunch", at a point where the golf course is located, across the road being the Little Club, which was formerly the Casino Club, these government photos having been left by agents from the Detroit Bureau office, but he was unable to state where the photographs were at the present time.

Paul Renz was then questioned and stated that he resided at 1206 Moore Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and was a star at the golf course working under Mr. Royer. Renz also observed all of the photographs of the gang and stated that Weaver greatly resembled an individual who had purchased one-half dozen golf balls from him last summer, at which time four men who appeared at the golf course, two of them playing golf, one remaining in a car in the parking lot, and he could not state where the fourth man went. Renz was unable to identify the other three men. Renz was then questioned relative to the remark he had made to Mr. Royer that a party had been held at the Casino Club in the early part of October, at which party Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell had been the guests of honor. Renz stated that he had been at a beer parlor, the Meyerbrau, located at the corner of Stickney Avenue and Ketchum Avenue, operated by a widow by the name of Mrs. Meyers, and while standing in the men's washroom had overheard a conversation between two men, one of whom stated that Al was in town and there was to be a party at the Crescent Club, which is the old name for the club located where the present Casino Club is now located, and the other individual said "Al who?", to which the other man replied - "Al Karpis". Renz went on to say that when he heard this he became frightened and immediately left the washroom. He was unable to identify the individuals in the washroom.

Renz was then questioned if he had seen any photographs of various members of the gang, and he stated that he had observed the photographs that a government man had left at the golf course, but after he became aware of the fact through newspaper publicity that the gang had been at the Casino Club, he hid the photographs for fear of trouble of any members of the gang following him.

It will be noted here that during the time agent was questioning Simpson and Renz both of them appeared to be greatly frightened and very

nervous, and it was agent's impression that they were not telling all they knew. Agent later talked with Mr. Royer, and he stated that he would again discuss the matter with Simpson and Renz and endeavor to obtain all information in their possession and also convince them that they had nothing to fear by dealing with the government.

Agent will again contact Messrs. Simpson and Renz and endeavor to obtain a true statement of the facts in their possession relative to all they know about the activities of various members of the gang.

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The writer interviewed [redacted] and she stated that she had been unable to contact anyone in the Casino Club in view of the fact that it had just opened after being closed for twenty days, but she had ascertained that Rene Holtz was operating a place for Ludy Fleming, a former prohibition agent, at Point Place, Ohio, (near Toledo), and the place was known as "The Old Guernsey". [redacted] further stated that she intended to go out to this place and would endeavor to draw Rene into conversation and obtain any information possible.

Continuing, [redacted] stated that she had been thinking over what agent had discussed with her on his last interview relative to activities at St. Paul, and she was fairly certain that Jack Pfeiffer of the Hollyhocks Inn had warned the boys, as well as Earl Chrisman and herself, and not Harry Sawyer, but that Harry and Gladys Sawyer had taken care of their belongings for them when they had to leave St. Paul.

Confidential informant [redacted] was communicated with and stated he had been unable to obtain any information but stated that he had received a report that Ted Angus had found an old city ordinance which prohibited bowling after midnight in a place where liquor was served, and being quite incensed over the fact that he had been closed up for a period of 30 days for violation of the liquor law [redacted]

[redacted] and obtain all the information in their possession relative to Bart and Ted Angus contacting with the gang and the whereabouts of Karpis and Campbell at the present time, if possible. [redacted]

[redacted] has agreed to do this, and the informant stated that as soon as he heard anything, he'd communicate by telephone with the Cleveland Bureau office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent B. M. Hirsh on December 5, 1935;

While discussing a matter concerning another case in which agent was interested with Mr. A. H. Hasemeyer, General Delivery, Superintendent at the Toledo Post Office, Mr. Hasemeyer advised that he had talked with one "Slim" Martin, known safe blower of this city, Toledo, on Saturday, November 30, 1935, and that Martin had indicated to him that Alvin Karpis had been frequenting a gambling joint located next door to the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio; that he was not certain of it, but thought that Martin had said something about the place having recently been closed but was expected to reopen. Mr. Hasemeyer further advised that Martin told him that Karpis had been frequenting a lot of the gambling places in and about Cleveland. Mr. Hasemeyer did not know how recently this was supposed to have occurred, but gained the impression it might have been rather recently.

In connection with his acquaintanceship with "Slim" Martin, Mr. Hasemeyer stated that Martin has called for General Delivery mail there for over 20 years and that by reason of this he has come to know him quite well; that Martin is an old timer in the game, having served time in four penitentiaries; further, that he was not the kind of person who disclosed information except that he did so on occasions when he bragged a little; that he, Hasemeyer, feels quite certain Martin has a real "in" as far as the underworld is concerned, relating the following incident to show that Martin did know what he was talking about:

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Just prior to the time Governor White of Ohio completed his term, a year or so ago, Martin named to Hasemeyer eight criminals then serving time in the Ohio State Penitentiary and stated that these eight criminals were to be pardoned by the Governor before he left office, at the same time telling Hasemeyer the sums which were being paid for their releases. Hasemeyer stated that although he does not know what sums, if any, were paid, nevertheless, some time later he read that seven of the eight persons named by Martin actually were pardoned by Governor White.

Mr. Hasemeyer further advised that he would rather not have agent talk to Martin concerning this statement inasmuch as he did not feel it would do any good and, further, because he felt it might hurt his own chances of getting information from Martin in the future.

The above information was furnished to Special Agent R. D. Brown by telephone on December 5, 1935.

The writer also contacted Mr. A. H. Hasemeyer and was advised by him that he had not seen "Slim" Martin since he had discussed the facts with Agent Hirsh, but stated that he would attempt to locate him and obtain more definite information relative to Karpis and, if possible, obtain the name of the individual from whom Martin is obtaining his information.

According to Hasemeyer, Martin has absolutely no use for a law enforcement agent and would refuse to talk to one and he felt that he would be better able to secure any information which Martin might have than an agent would. Mr. Hasemeyer stated that in the event he secured any additional information he would immediately contact Special Agent Hirsch at Toledo.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The DETROIT OFFICE will at MONROE, MICH., and in that general vicinity endeavor to ascertain whether Ted Angus has a cottage or camp in that district.

Will at the TRAVERSE CITY, MICH., airport, known as the Grand Traverse Airport, check the port log and ascertain if any planes bearing the numbers set forth in report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated at Chicago, Ill., 10-16-35, on pages 37-8 and-9, have landed there within the past year and ascertain all facts surrounding any landings.

In connection with these leads it is suggested that they be held in abeyance until such time as SAC E. J. Connelley shall direct, in view of the fact that information has been presently received by the Chicago office from one of its informants that Karpis was proceeding north from Gary, Indiana.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will at SAPULPA, OKLA., ascertain the identity and connections of Miss Ida B. Smith, RR No. 3, Box 51.

Will at the TULSA, OKLA., Police Department ascertain if Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker, Tulsa PD No. 8009, was in any way connected with Alvin Karpis, in view of the fact that Karpis number is Tulsa PD No. 8008, which would indicate that they had possibly been arrested by the Tulsa PD at the same time. The Okla. City office is requested to obtain and forward to the Cleveland office a photograph of Ralph Nelson, alias Sam Coker.

The CINCINNATI OFFICE will on rural route 4, QUAKER CITY, OHIO, ascertain the identity of George Benton, to whom a 1928 Ford coach, mtr. No. A 484577, Ohio license T 768 R, is listed.

Will on rural route 1, GALENA, OHIO, ascertain the identity of George Benton, who has registered a 1928 Essex sedan, mtr. No. 879345, Ohio license ('35) No. F 9518.

Will on RFD 1, FREDERICKTOWN, OHIO, discreetly ascertain the identity of Mr. W. M. Rowley, with whom Mrs. Howard Emerson, alias Thelma Holst, alias Thelma Wilson; and Howard (Whitey) Emerson are residing, and such other information as is obtainable relative to their activities. The above information is set forth in report of Special Agent C. E. Smith dated at Cleveland, Ohio, 10-28-35.

The CLEVELAND OFFICE will at CLEVELAND, OHIO, at 2818 Washington Boulevard, ascertain the identity and connections of W. J. Adams, to whom telephone number Fairmount 4095 is listed, which number was called by someone over Cash McDonald's telephone in Detroit, Michigan.

Will at CLEVELAND and TOLEDO, OHIO, keep in touch with its informants.

Will at CLEVELAND, OHIO,

Will at CLEVELAND, OHIO, through the relief rolls endeavor to locate Fred Armstrong, former janitor at 1556 Ansel Rd., and obtain from him all information in his possession relative to Grace P. Brooks.



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The CLEVELAND OFFICE will at EAST PALESTINE, OHIO, ascertain the identity and connections of George Benton, who owns a 1926 Overland coupe, motor No. 68744, Ohio license G 411 H.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID CASE

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telephone conversations with Mr. McIntyre of the Bureau concerning witnesses in Cuba whose presence is desired for the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 6, 1936, there are transmitted herewith for the Bureau's information copies of memorandum dated December 13, 1935, prepared by Special Agent (A) J. A. Genau, together with the copies of the communications referred to therein.

This matter will be followed closely with the bank officials in New York and the Bureau will be kept fully advised.

Very truly yours,

R. WHITLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: St. Paul  
cc: Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago

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December 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Re: BREKID CASE

The writer conferred with Mr. A. P. BARRANCO, Counsel, and Mr. R. R. HUGHES, Comptroller of the National City Bank, with regard to their employees proceeding to St. Paul, Minn. to attend the trial of CASSIUS McDONALD, et al, on Jan. 4, 1936. These gentlemen stated that they are willing to cooperate with the Government in every way possible, and that the following employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank will proceed to St. Paul, Minn., as requested:

C. T. ELSNER, Sub-Manager  
E. DOMINGUEZ, Sub-Accountant  
NICHOLAS RODRIGUEZ, Teller

The conference had with Messrs. BARRANCO and HUGHES was substantially the same as shown in Mr. BARRANCO'S letter to Hon. GEORGE F. SULLIVAN, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minn., dated Dec. 10, 1935, and attached hereto together with a copy of letter dated at Habana, Cuba, Dec. 5, 1935, addressed to the National City Bank of New York, Habana, Cuba, by C. R. CAMERON, American Consul General.

The writer also conferred with SHERRILL SMITH, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York City, with regard to JOSEPH GARRIDO, Head Teller, and JOSE FRIJOO, Teller of the Chase National Bank, Habana, Cuba, proceeding to St. Paul, Minn. for the trial of CASSIUS McDONALD, et al, on Jan. 4, 1936. Mr. SMITH stated that this was the first knowledge that he had of a request being made for these employees to proceed to St. Paul, Minn.; that the trial of this case was being held during the busy season in Havana, Cuba; that the race track element from the United States would be in Havana in January; that JOSEPH GARRIDO, Head Teller, was one of their valuable men and was a very necessary employee during the winter season in Havana due to the fact that he must be on the alert in his duties in waiting on his window due to certain characters which follow the races.

Mr. SMITH stated that he and his bank desire to cooperate with the Government in every way possible; that he was also concerned about the health of Messrs. GARRIDO and FRIJOO in transplanting themselves from a tropical climate to a very cold climate such as is in St. Paul, Minn. during the month of January; that a Cuban has not very strong lungs and

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may be susceptible to pneumonia; that he has issued instructions to immediately communicate by air mail with the manager of the Havana Branch of the Chase National Bank to ascertain all facts surrounding the testimony to be given by Messrs. GARRIDO and PEIJO, and just what arrangements can be made to release these men if possible for their appearance in St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. SMITH requested that agent contact him personally about December 19 or 20, and he will then be able to discuss the matter more fully and render a final decision as to both employees proceeding to St. Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SENAU,  
Special Agent (A).

December 10, 1935.

Hon. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

12/12/35 - Via Air Mail

United States vs. Harry Sawyer,  
William Weaver, Cassius McDonald,  
et al.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the American Consul General at Havana to the local branch of The National City Bank of New York, dated Havana, December 8, 1935, in the above entitled case. You will note from said letter that the Consul General writes at the instance of the Department of State in Washington, in reference to a letter from the Department of Justice of December 2, 1935, in which the last mentioned Department requests the presence at St. Paul, on the trial of the above case, of certain officers and employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, and the production of certain papers and records belonging to said Branch, relating to the transactions mentioned in said letter. The witnesses and the papers and records aforesaid are to be used in behalf of the Government at said trial. We assume that the above request originated with you. As you doubtless know, the information and evidence to which your inquiry relates was furnished to the agents of the Department of Justice on the occasion of their investigations in Havana, last April or May.

The Consul General's letter has been referred by Havana Branch of National City Bank to Head Office at New York, for advice. The latter has in turn requested us, as its counsel, to write to you direct, in order to save time and to expedite, if possible, compliance with your request by arriving at an understanding on certain questions which it feels will necessarily arise in submitting the matter to the witnesses. These questions as you will understand, arise out of the special circumstances involved in this case in bringing to the United States witnesses from a foreign country not subject to the process of our courts, despite the Bank's desire at all times to cooperate with the Government in similar matters in every reasonable and proper way.

We are authorized by the Bank to say that it will arrange to produce, on the trial at St. Paul, the papers and records of its Havana Branch requested in your said letter, provided it is

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advised by its attorneys in Havana that it may legally send them out of that country. We believe that the attorneys there will find no objection thereto. We believe that it would be helpful if you were to furnish us or the Bank, in advance, with a list of the specific papers and records which you will require on the trial. We assume, of course, that the Government will reimburse the Bank for any reasonable expenses it may incur in transporting the record to and from Havana and St. Paul, whether by mail, express, or special custodian, if the last named should prove to be necessary.

With respect to your request that Nicolas Rodriguez, Teller, C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, and E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant, all officers or employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, shall attend and testify at the trial at St. Paul, we are authorized by the Bank to say that it will be pleased to release these three men from their bank duties for the time necessary to attend the trial, although the absence of the three at one time will result in no little inconvenience to the business of Havana Branch.

However, there are phases of the matter involving the personal attendance of these three men at the trial in St. Paul which the Bank has requested us to present to you. In the first place, the Bank feels that it should not instruct these men to leave their homes and journey to St. Paul. It would be quite different, as you will readily understand, if they were called upon to testify in a Cuban court, under legal process. In the second place, the Bank feels that the three men would be running possible serious risk to their health, such as pneumonia, in being transported at the height of the winter season from Havana's average temperature of 70° to St. Paul with an average temperature, as we understand, of 10° in January, especially in the case of Messrs. Rodriguez and Dominguez, who we are told have never been exposed to the rigors of a northern climate. The Bank will, however, present the matter to the three men so that each may decide whether he will undertake the trip. The Bank will be glad, of course, to have them do so, if they choose to comply with the Government's request.

We are also requested to ask you whether it will be absolutely necessary for all three men to appear at the trial. Upon further investigation you may find that you can dispense with the appearance of one or more of these witnesses. We shall appreciate your giving consideration to this point.

It would be in the interest of all concerned that you advise us promptly of the precise date, as nearly as the progress of the case may permit, when you will need the testimony of these witnesses. While the actual elapsed time of an all rail trip via Key West or Miami would be approximately four days, allowing for a few hours stop-over at New York, we recommend that if possible you advise us

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seven days in advance, so that the men may have two or three days to prepare for the trip and arrange for their absence from Havana Branch of the Bank. Also, would it be possible for you to arrange to call them to the stand promptly on their arrival, and can you give us an idea of the approximate length of their stay at St. Paul.

We quote from the Consul General's letter of December 8th as follows:

"It is proposed to allow each of the witnesses specified actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return."

In order that the Bank may be in a position to present the matter fully and clearly to the witnesses, we would like to have the following information:

Will the Government advance to each witness the amount necessary to purchase full transportation to and from Havana and St. Paul, or furnish them with the round trip tickets? The Bank, of course, cannot advance these expenses because the witnesses will not be engaged in the Bank's business. On the other hand, the Bank feels that the witnesses who are men of moderate salaries, and have no personal interest in the case, should not be asked to advance these expenses subject to later reimbursement by the Government.

Furthermore, as is stated in the letter, it will be necessary for the witnesses to supply themselves with proper clothing to meet the rigors of Winter in St. Paul. Will the Government pay the cost of such added clothing as the witnesses may reasonably require? Doubtless, an estimate can be made of the requirements of each witness, and the probable cost. Again, the Bank feels that it cannot ask these men to make such expenditures subject to reimbursement by the Government. Is the Government willing to advance them the reasonable cost of such clothing, or supply the clothing itself?

On the proposed allowance of \$5.00 per diem from the date the witnesses leave Cuba until the date of their return, the Bank officers whom we consulted expressed the opinion that while this should be sufficient for the time spent in travel, it would not cover actual hotel expenses during their stay at St. Paul.

Cannot arrangements be made for the Government to pay the witnesses the full amount of their expenses, or to make a larger per diem allowance for the time spent on the trial, under an arrangement whereby the witnesses will not be required to advance these monies themselves?

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December 10, 1935.

In conclusion, we wish to assure you of the desire of this office to cooperate with you in the matter in every possible way.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Havana Branch of National City Bank so that it may communicate with the American Consul General, and upon receipt of your reply we will confer with Head Office of the Bank, to the end that it shall forward the same to Havana Branch with its recommendations.

Very truly yours,

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Habana, Cuba, December 5, 1935.

The National City Bank of New York, :  
Habana, Cuba. :

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Sirs:

CARIBBEAN DISTRICT

The Department of State in Washington has referred to the Consulate General the Department of Justice's letter of December 2, 1935, in which they advised that there is pending in St. Paul, Minnesota, the case of United States v. Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, et al, charged with conspiring unlawfully to violate the provisions of the Federal Kidnapping Statutes in connection with the kidnapping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota. This case is set for trial on January 6, 1936, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

To establish McDonald's money changing activities in Cuba, it will be necessary to have as Government witnesses at this trial a number of persons who can testify and also produce certain documentary evidence. The United States Attorney at St. Paul advises that these persons either are citizens of Cuba or have been resident here for some time. He is therefore desirous of obtaining the attendance from Cuba of the following persons from the National City Bank, who should be available in St. Paul some time during the latter part of the week commencing January 6, 1936:

(1) Nicholas Rodriguez, Teller.

(2) C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, "and have with you then and there (a) all papers and records of your bank covering the purchase on September 5, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$11,000 in Cuban gold, in which transaction Juan Ruiz and Rene Bolivar, and a third party appeared; (b) all the exchange and other records of your bank covering the purchase on September 11, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$50,000 in small American bills from the Chase National Bank, of Habana, and (c) all the letters, papers and

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records of your bank showing and pertaining to the forwarding for mutilation to the Federal Reserve Bank of all ransom moneys found in your bank, paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer.

- (3) E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant in charge of Cash Department, "and have with you then and there all of the records of your bank (a) listing the bills, forming a part of the ransom moneys paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer which were found in the vault of your bank, and (b) showing the receipt, handling and disposition at the vault of your bank of \$72,000 in small American bills received at your bank on or about September 10, 1935."

The United States Attorney calls particular attention to the fact that certain witnesses are required to produce certain documentary evidence, and that these witnesses would be valueless to the United States without the documentary evidence specified above which is now in their possession.

It is proposed to allow each of the witnesses specified actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return. Inasmuch as these witnesses live in a warm climate, it is believed that they should be informed of climatic conditions in Minnesota, especially during the months of January and February, in order that they may supply themselves with the proper clothing.

It will be greatly appreciated by the United States Government if you will advise the Consulate General at the earliest possible date as to whether it will be possible for these three individuals from your bank, with the specified evidence, to appear as witnesses at the above mentioned trial.

This letter is being supplied you with extra copy, inasmuch as it is understood that you will be required to refer the matter to your home office.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Cameron,  
American Consul General.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. **7-43**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CINCINNATI, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-17-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-6, 10, 12, 13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. E. THORNTON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1218, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

John Contos presently living at Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. Investigation at Columbus, Ohio, reflects that Mrs. Anna Duhl stored her furniture in 1928 and that it was subsequently sold for charges on 11-5-31. Former acquaintances advise Mrs. Duhl is now deceased. Stop placed with Bureau of Motor Vehicles on Plymouth Sedan used in mail train robbery at Garrettsville, Ohio.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the New York Office to the Director dated 10-29-35; report of Special Agent Hayne A. Thompson, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 12-6-35; Report of Special Agent C. E. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio, dated 11-11-35; Circular letter from Cleveland dated 12-12-35.

**DETAILS:**

**AT COLUMBUS, OHIO**

Mr. Al. Haft, 247 S. High Street, advised that John Contos has been in Columbus, Ohio, but failed to make a contact and left for Baltimore, Maryland, and is now living at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, with his brother, Edward Contos. Mr. Haft further added that John Contos is "no good", and owes him the sum of \$50.00.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">7- 576-8459</div> <div style="text-align: right;">DEC 20 1935</div> <div style="text-align: right;">JAN 2 1936</div> <div style="text-align: center;">DEC 19 P.M.</div> <div style="text-align: center;">CONF. R. STAT. SECT.</div>
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In connection with the matter of interviewing John Contos, the attention of the Washington Field Office is directed to the reference letter from the New York office, a copy of which was furnished to the Washington Field Office. This letter indicated that [redacted] John Contos, claimed to know something concerning Alvin Karpis and a man known as Nichols, who, according to John Contos was a brother of Alvin Karpis.

The St. Louis office ascertained that John Contos had moved from the Monticello Apartments, 4536 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., leaving a forwarding address of 247 South High St., Columbus, Ohio.

E. L. Simpson, Office Manager of the Fireproof Warehouse and Transfer Co., 1018 North (not West) High Street, advised after consulting the records of the firm that a Mrs. S. A. Duhl, formerly living at 24 W. Livingstone Ave., Columbus, Ohio, stored her furniture with this firm on 10-16-28 and apparently went to Florida as they had several letters from her in regard to the charges on the furniture. As Mrs. Duhl did not keep up the storage charges, the furniture was sold at auction on 11-5-31 and brought the sum of \$44.20. The firm had two addresses of Mrs. Duhl, one being 439 Nacone Ave., Coral Gables, Florida, and the other being 25 N.W. River Drive, Miami, Florida. Mr. Simpson advised that the firm had written her regularly sending her monthly statements until the matter was finally closed. There was a notation that one George Carter had paid \$5.00 on the Duhl account and his address was 366 Ludlow St., Columbus, Ohio.

[redacted] had no record of Mrs. S. A. Duhl. Agent checked by reference to old city directories, and there is no information concerning Mrs. Duhl in these books, nor is there any criminal record on file at the Columbus Police Department. Inquiry at 24 W. Livingstone failed to develop any information concerning Mrs. Duhl.

William E. Barry formerly lived at 366 Ludlow St., and George Carter was a roomer at this address. Mrs. Barry had no recollection of Mrs. Duhl and informed Agent that Carter had been on relief and that she did not know his present address.

Mrs. Fouch of the F.E.R.A. gave Agent the address of George Carter and Agent contacted him at 114 Fulton St. Mr. Carter advised that he once roomed with Mrs. Duhl at 24 W. Livingstone St., and that he had gone into the storage company and paid \$5.00 on her account as he owed her the money and did this at her request. He advised that she had one daughter who had married several times and he recalls her only as Nettie Duhl. This daughter wrote him about one year ago and advised him of the death of her mother, Mrs. S. A. Duhl at Miami, Florida. He did not have the address of

this daughter and could not recall her name. Agent suggested the name of Meade to him as well as all of the known aliases of Meade but none of them made any impression on Mr. Carter. Mr. Carter is a very old man and is not able to give much information. He advised that Mrs. Duhl is a widow and lived alone in Columbus, as her daughter had never returned to visit her and finally sent her mother money to come to Florida to live with her in 1928. Mr. Carter could not supply the names of any friends of Mrs. Duhl.

With reference to the circular letter from the Cleveland Office, under date of 12-12-35, concerning the automobile used by five armed bandits during the robbery of a mail train at Garrettsville, Ohio, a stop card has been placed with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, covering this automobile and the Cincinnati Office will be notified immediately in the event of any transfer or re-registration on this car.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE** at Baltimore, Md., will interview John Contos at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, concerning any knowledge he may have of subject Karpis.

**JACKSONVILLE OFFICE.** The attention of the Jacksonville office is directed to the information contained herein relative to the alleged death of Mrs. Anna Duhl, inasmuch as the Jacksonville office also has a lead concerning this woman at Miami, Florida. It is suggested that a check of the death records at Miami may furnish some information concerning relatives of this woman.

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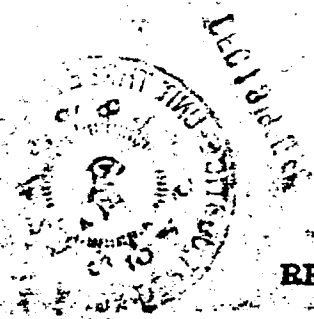
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*Edward G. Bremer*

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Nathan	.....
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At about 2:00 P.M. on December 14, 1935, Special Agent S. K. McKee telephonically communicated with me from Havana, Cuba. He advised that Mrs. Cassius McDonald, using her maiden name Edith Gordon, was recently in Cuba; that she secured the services of a Cuban attorney whose name and identity are unknown at this time, and that this Cuban attorney has contacted all of our witnesses in Cuba, has attempted to buy them off and when this failed, has, after a fashion, threatened certain witnesses. The attorney has also indicated to these witnesses that there is no telling what the United States Government might do to them when they get to St. Paul, and in this manner has attempted to dissuade them from proceeding to St. Paul.

McKee advised that he will learn the identity of this lawyer. He requested to know whether it would be advisable for him to contact this attorney and warn him in a mild manner not to contact our witnesses any further. I advised him nothing could be gained in having any trouble with this attorney and that whatever damage he was capable of has probably been consummated by this time.

McKee informed that there are twelve witnesses in all whose presence has been requested in St. Paul; that the State Department has now contacted all of these witnesses and has obtained agreements from five of these persons to be present in St. Paul. Mr. McKee indicated that he does not have any fear about the witnesses from the banks appearing in St. Paul in view of the pressure which is being brought to bear upon such witnesses by the home banks located in New York City. In addition to the five witnesses whose appearance is assured, McKee has contacted a sixth witness who has agreed to appear. McKee informs that Bolivar will be present at St. Paul. This man is a very important witness and will assist greatly in the conviction of Cassius McDonald. McKee further informed that Mr. Frazier of the Federal Reserve Bank, which is a branch of the Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta, Georgia, will also appear at St. Paul. This man is likewise a very important witness.

McKee informed that Rodriguez, who is employed by the National Bureau of Investigation

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tional City Bank in Havana, Cuba, has stated that it is too cold and he does not wish to appear in St. Paul. I informed McKee that I did not fear we would encounter any difficulty in having this witness appear in St. Paul in view of the splendid cooperation which is being rendered by the City National Bank of New York City in persuading the witnesses who are employed by the City National Bank in Havana, Cuba, to proceed to St. Paul.

McKee informed that one Munoz, who is associated with the Cuban Gold House, has indicated a reluctance to proceed to St. Paul because of the cold weather. I informed McKee that he should inform any witness in Cuba that the cold weather in St. Paul should not be considered a serious obstacle; that these witnesses will board steam-heated trains and will be in warm quarters until they arrive at St. Paul; that they will proceed from the train in heated taxicabs and soon thereafter will find pleasant accommodations in splendid hotels in St. Paul; that one hotel is located across the street from the Federal Building and, if necessary, these witnesses can proceed to the Federal Building in taxicabs. There would, therefore, seem to be no reasonable objection on the basis of cold weather.

Mr. McKee informed that there are two men employed by the National Hotel in Havana, Cuba, namely, Mr. Ennis and Mr. Hernandez, who are reluctant to proceed to St. Paul because this is the busy season for them in Cuba. I told McKee that we thoroughly appreciate the fact that certain witnesses may suffer certain financial losses as a result of proceeding to St. Paul, but that we cannot consider this an obstacle to their proceeding. I informed him that he should ascertain from the State Department the amount of money which the State Department is willing to grant any witness who will not proceed for financial reasons. Mr. McKee asked if it would be possible for him to offer these witnesses any money. I informed him that I would take up the matter with Mr. Nathan and advise him subsequently.

Mr. McKee stated that while he does not like to live in Havana, Cuba, if it was the desire of the Bureau, he would be pleased to remain there contacting the prospective witnesses from time to time in order to insure their presence in St. Paul. I told him that I would take up this matter with Mr. Nathan and advise him of the Bureau's decision.

McKee stated that during the afternoon of December 14, 1935, he could be reached at telephone FO 1496, which is the residence of

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Willis George. He stated that the best time to reach him by telephone would be around 6:00 or 6:30 P.M. at the Hotel Presidente, Havana, Cuba.

I discussed with Mr. Nathan the possibility of McKee offering the witnesses a financial inducement which would compensate them for such loss as they might suffer in leaving their employment. It was the feeling of Mr. Nathan and myself that the importance of this case would seem to dictate the advisability of permitting McKee to offer the witnesses a financial arrangement which would be sufficient to induce them to proceed to St. Paul. The Bureau, of course, cannot under these circumstances indicate how much McKee will be entitled to offer, but in view of the expense which the Government has already incurred in the investigation of Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, it would seem that a wide latitude should be granted to Agent McKee in this matter. The importance of having these witnesses appear in St. Paul has already been made self-evident and it would be extremely unfortunate if the Bureau were not able to proceed with its prosecution of McDonald merely because the witnesses were not sufficiently reimbursed for any loss they might sustain as a result of proceeding to St. Paul.

McKee informed that the State Department would be willing to advance money for warm clothing, a round trip ticket, and \$5.00 a day per diem. I told McKee that if there were any little whims or caprices which were entertained by these witnesses, such as a request for overshoes or gloves, or warm hats or mufflers, that the Bureau would be more than pleased to satisfy these whims. I informed him that this matter could be taken care of by blue-slip.

After discussing this matter with Mr. Nathan, it was decided that Agent McKee should remain in Cuba contacting witnesses at the appropriate time until the witnesses had actually been removed from Cuba and were proceeding to St. Paul. It was my intention to advise McKee by cablegram of the results of my interview with Mr. Nathan, but it was deemed unwise to transmit a cablegram since McKee does not have in his possession a code book. With Mr. Nathan's permission I telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge R. A. Alt of the Jacksonville Office at about 4:15 P.M. on December 14, 1935, requesting him to transmit the following information to Agent McKee telephonically:

"Ascertain identity of attorney reported to have contacted witnesses adversely. Take no other action in regard to him. Desire you remain in Cuba keeping in touch with witnesses until removal of

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witnesses has occurred. Ascertain from American State authorities in Cuba extent to which they will go financially in assisting witnesses to proceed to St. Paul and reimbursing such witnesses for any financial loss they may suffer as a result of their absence from Cuba. You are authorized to expend, if necessary, such sums in addition to those guaranteed by the State Department as will insure the presence of the witnesses in St. Paul."

I requested Mr. Alt to immediately forward Code B to Agent McKee so that code messages may be transmitted to him or by him from time to time. Mr. Alt informed me that in case Agent McKee is in need of money, he will arrange to furnish all of the money to McKee which the latter finds necessary for his purposes in Cuba.

I am proceeding to St. Paul tonight, December 14, 1935, at 9:00 o'clock and in keeping with the instructions of the Director, I will keep in close touch with the Cuban situation in order to insure the presence of those necessary witnesses in St. Paul at the required time.

With regard to Mrs. Cassius McDonald to influence our witnesses, it is felt that her action was prompted by advice from her husband. You may be assured that due to our cordial relations with Judge Joyce who will hear this case, I will be able to bring this matter to his attention in chambers so that he may act upon it in imposing sentence upon McDonald if he sees fit. Please be assured that I will handle this matter in a diplomatic fashion so that it will not react unfavorably to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

K. R. McIntire.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

ELR:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1935.

Time - 10:34 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Baughman	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Foxworth	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Joseph	_____
Mr. Keith	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Schilder	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Mr. Fisher of the Criminal Division telephoned Mr. Richmond and said that he would like to have a conference at once with someone in the Bureau on the situation involving the Cuban witnesses in the above entitled case. He said that the time is growing near for the trial, and there are some points which are not as yet cleared up.

Mr. Richmond said that he would see that someone conferred with him on this matter within a very short time, adding that a representative of the Bureau telephonically conferred with a Bureau Agent in Havana, Cuba, last evening, the results of which will probably throw some light on the situation.

Subsequently, Mr. Richmond went down to confer with Mr. Fisher on this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm  
E. A. TAMM. *ETC*

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-17-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F.S. DUNN.</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, w.a. - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, w.a. FUGITIVE - I.O. #1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, w.a. - I.O. #1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER (Victim)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVE; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <div style="text-align: center;">P.</div> <p>Clarence Jack Campbell, brother of Harry Campbell, field manager for T &amp; P Oil &amp; Gas Company, transferred from Ranger, Texas, and has offices and headquarters in Petroleum Building, Midland, Texas.</p>			
REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago Bureau Office, dated November 27, 1935.			
DETAILS:  <p>Guy Pledger, Assistant Chief of Police at Ranger, Texas, advised that he was in Midland, Texas, on October 3, 1935, and learned from Dr. Shirey, a dentist, located in the Petroleum Building at Midland, that among other former Ranger Citizens living in Midland, Clarence Jack Campbell, field manager for the T &amp; P Oil &amp; Gas Company, had been transferred from Ranger and now maintained offices in the Petroleum Building at Midland. Chief Pledger was able to verify this information through inquiry of an employee of the T &amp; P Oil Company at Ranger, Texas.</p> <p>For the information of the El Paso Office, a copy of the above reference letter is attached to copies of this report for that office.</p>			
UNDEVELOPED LEADS:  <p>EL PASO OFFICE to conduct necessary investigation at Midland, Texas, as requested in reference letter.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
<i>F. J. Blake</i> 7   576-8465 DEC 18 1935			
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 17, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218, et al,  
Edward George Bremer, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Referring to Bureau letter dated November 13, 1935 (reference Bureau file 7-576), please be advised that Mr. Henry F. Taylor, Senior Warden's Assistant at the United States Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, was contacted on December 13, 1935, at which time he stated that Pat Reilly was transferred from the Reformatory to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on December 11, 1935; that the action of the Parole Board at El Reno was unfavorable, and that he doubts whether Reilly's application for parole will ever be given favorable consideration.

A copy of the Bureau letter of reference is being furnished to the Kansas City Office with its copy of this communication.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Mr. Connelley (Chicago)  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Kansas City

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U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 18, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St.N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the temporary absence of Special Agent T. M. Birch from Cleveland, Ohio at Philadelphia, Pa., in connection with the necessity of him caring for his family due to the illness of his wife, it is my understanding that Special Agent in Charge J.P. MacFarland arranged with the Bureau for him to temporarily return to Philadelphia so that he could arrange his affairs so that in a very short time he could return to Cleveland, Ohio to continue the investigation which is being carried on there.

In view of the most recent developments this is particularly desirable, and it is requested that provided he can do so, considering the conditions which required his return to Philadelphia, he should immediately return to Cleveland, Ohio in connection with the work we are carrying on there in the Brekid case.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. BRAVER "V",  
Plaza Station,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

December 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1212, et al.  
Edward George Bremer, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 11,  
1935 in which you request to be advised of the present location  
of Browning Automatic Rifles Nos. 211,774 and 211,249, and .45  
caliber Colt automatic pistol No. 18,001.

Please refer to Bureau letter, dated October 24, 1935,  
addressed to the New York Bureau Office in the case entitled  
"Machine Guns in Hands of Criminals" and letter from the New  
York Bureau Office to the Bureau, dated November 12, 1935, in  
answer thereto, which are self-explanatory and which indicate  
that the above mentioned guns are presently being retained in  
the New York Bureau Office.

Carbon copies of these letters were furnished the  
Washington Field Office.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC-Cincinnati  
CC-St. Paul  
CC-E. J. Connelley  
CC-New York  
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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida,

Dear Sir:

In re: MURKIN

In connection with the activity of Special Agent E. K. McLeo at Havana, Cuba, it is believed that he should be advised as to certain information obtained and hereinafter quoted notations taken from a memorandum book of Charles J. Fitzgerald, wherein reference is made to Fred Harris, and Cuban American Auto Company, San Lazaro 99 St. which is believed to refer to an individual and company at Havana, Cuba.

In connection with the location of Charles J. Fitzgerald living as J. C. Foster at 812 Hobart Avenue, the address of the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, Los Angeles, California, and as to whom we are maintaining a surveillance, S.A.C. Mason in telephonic conversation with me today indicates that in the examination of the apartment of Fitzgerald during his absence, they found an old memorandum book probably ten years old, in which appeared the following notations in the order indicated:

"C. A. Suddard (L.A.)."

8 Mac 712 W. 68th 8831 West.

T. Oudd Mrs. J. E. Sherman.

Fred Harris.

Cuban American Auto Co.  
San Lazaro 99 St.

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1209 Pioneer. INDEXED

8907 Cedar.

W. H.

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Sabina.

E. M. C.

756 No. Flamingo.

Wm. J. C.

Philip and Hambaugh 714 So. Hill.

Prospect 5084.

Van Dyke 0923

Strunkler.

Gladstone 6944 Howe."

In connection with the above indicated notations, the offices to which copies of this letter are being furnished should endeavor to identify these street addresses and telephone numbers, with the information in their particular cities and the information obtained as a result of their prior investigations, in order to identify if possible these various persons who are in touch with Charles J. Fitzgerald. However, this investigation must be carried on very carefully, discreetly and confidentially, in order not to do anything which would arouse Charles J. Fitzgerald or cause him to become suspicious and leave Los Angeles at this time, as this would seriously interfere with our efforts to cover him by a surveillance, in an attempt to detect him contacting Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, with whom it is believed he will eventually make contact.

There was also located in his apartment a small box in which a watch had been contained of the J. H. Hudson jewelers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a Christmas card signed Siss.

There was also correspondence indicating that Fitzgerald under the name of J. C. Foster may be dealing in oil leases, or is carrying on some such operation as a cover for his fugitive status, and he has been in correspondence with George F. Getty Oil Company,

Carlsbad, New Mexico. He had a number of reports showing weekly oil drillings, etc. He also had some correspondence with Mr. E. V. Haley, La Caverna Hotel, Carlsbad, New Mexico. He also had a letter from E. Birch Harrison, president of the Carlsbad National Bank, referring to a paper prepared by Haley and J. C. Foster, and indicating he was filing this paper although it was not sworn to.

Fitzgerald has been creating the impression that he had a wealthy wife who has been sending him money to encourage him to stay in Los Angeles in order that she would be rid of him. Also Imogene Robertson has been exhibiting as much as a one thousand dollar bill to her friends, and indicated that she had obtained this from her "new daddy".

There was also found in the room a postcard dated July 25, 1935 from San Diego, California to Fitzgerald under the name of J. C. Foster, signed Eva Toots Eddy. There was also found in the room a printed envelope which bore the return address of Galien Eddy, 4525 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

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CC Bureau  
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St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
Detroit  
Kansas City  
Okla. City  
El Paso  
St. Louis

*Los Angeles*

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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

**December 18, 1945**

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

# AIR-MAIL

**Dear Sirs:**

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In connection with the efforts of the Chicago office to locate WILLIAM MARSH HEAD, investigation has been conducted at 1853 West Fargo Street, Chicago, Illinois, which is a building owned by Kate Head, wife of William Elmer Head. However the Internal Revenue Bureau has a lien against this building and is collecting the rents therefrom. Mrs. Head resided at this address until on or about October 11, 1935 and her present whereabouts is unknown, but it is believed that she is no doubt with her husband William Elmer Head.

Subsequent to Mrs. Mead's departure from 1533 West Fargo St. Agents conducting the investigation definitely learned that there was some first class mail delivered to this address for Mrs. Mead which mail has since disappeared from the mail box. The mail carrier has advised that he did not remove the mail from the box, and likewise B. A. Barker, the janitor of the building, and Mr. Charles F. Keating, 1456 West Jarvis Street, Chicago, Illinois, the real estate operator who manages the building, have denied that they know the whereabouts of Mrs. Mead, and state they have not forwarded any mail to her.

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It is medium we expect to learn who if anyone is forwarding mail to Mrs. Mead and her husband William Elmer Mead.

[REDACTED] and in this connection [REDACTED] Robert C. [REDACTED] North the [REDACTED] Georgia.

Please give this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

SPECIAL ATTACHMENT

RCS:JMS

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CC Atlanta

Cincinnati

Cleveland

St. Paul

Bureau (enclosure - 1 copy of copy letter)

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear W.E.

Just thought you might be interested to know that a few weeks ago I was questioned in Savannah by a government agent and he wanted to know all about you. I tried to get out of him what it is all about but the best I could learn was that the government wants you on some charge.

They pulled me out of bed one morning at the Savannah Hotel and really went after me to find out where you were. I did not admit I knew you.

I would have written sooner but I had a hard time finding the Chicago address. Sure hope you are not in too bad with the G.

Be sure and destroy this letter and I hope the tip will mean some good to you. How-

Jack Lentz

7-576-8470

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 18, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated December 10, 1935 from Shearman & Sterling, attorneys for the National City Bank of New York, to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, Saint Paul, Minnesota, relating to the appearance of witnesses and the production of records from the Cuban branch of that bank, and a copy of the United States Attorney's reply to same.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc New York  
cc Chicago  
cc Mr. E. J. Connelley

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C O P Y

SHEARMAN & STERLING  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
National City Bank Building  
55 Wall Street

New York December 10, 1935.

Hon. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

United States vs. Harry Sawyer,  
William Weaver, Cassius McDonald,  
et al.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the American Consul General at Havana to the local branch of The National City Bank of New York, dated Havana, December 5, 1935, in the above entitled case. You will note from said letter that the Consul General writes at the instance of the Department of State in Washington, in reference to a letter from the Department of Justice of December 2, 1935, in which the last mentioned Department requests the presence at St. Paul, on the trial of the above case, of certain officers and employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, and the production of certain papers and records belonging to said Branch, relating to the transactions mentioned in said letter. The witnesses and the papers and records aforesaid are to be used in behalf of the Government at said trial. We assume that the above request originated with you. As you doubtless know, the information and evidence to which your inquiry relates was furnished to the agents of the Department of Justice on the occasion of their investigations in Havana, last April or May.

The Consul General's letter has been referred by Havana Branch of National City Bank to Head Office at New York, for advice. The latter has in turn requested us, as its counsel, to write to you direct, in order to save time and to expedite, if possible, compliance with your request by arriving at an understanding on certain questions which it feels will necessarily arise in submitting the matter to the witnesses. These questions, as you will understand, arise out of the special circumstances involved in this case in bringing to the United States witnesses from a foreign country not subject to the process of our courts, despite the Bank's desire at all times to cooperate with the Government in similar matters in every reasonable and proper way.

7-576-8471 Encl

We are authorized by the Bank to say that it will arrange to produce, on the trial at St. Paul, the papers and records of its Havana Branch requested in your said letter, provided it is advised by its attorneys in Havana that it may legally send them out of that country. We believe that the attorneys there will find no objection thereto. We believe that it would be helpful if you were to furnish us or the Bank, in advance, with a list of the specific papers and records which you will require on the trial. We assume, of course, that the Government will reimburse the Bank for any reasonable expenses it may incur in transporting the records to and from Havana and St. Paul, whether by mail, express, or special custodian, if the last named should prove to be necessary.

With respect to your request that Nicolas Rodriguez, Teller, C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, and E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant, all officers or employees of Havana Branch of the Bank, shall attend and testify at the trial at St. Paul, we are authorized by the Bank to say that it will be pleased to release these three men from their bank duties for the time necessary to attend the trial, although the absence of the three at one time will result in no little inconvenience to the business of Havana Branch.

However, there are phases of the matter involving the personal attendance of these three men at the trial in St. Paul which the Bank has requested us to present to you. In the first place, the Bank feels that it should not instruct these men to leave their homes and journey to St. Paul. It would be quite different, as you will readily understand, if they were called upon to testify in a Cuban court, under legal process. In the second place, the Bank feels that the three men would be running possible serious risk to their health, such as pneumonia, in being transported at the height of the Winter season from Havana's average temperature of 70° to St. Paul with an average temperature, as we understand, of 10° in January, especially in the case of Messrs. Rodriguez and Dominguez, who we are told have never been exposed to the rigors of a northern climate. The Bank will, however, present the matter to the three men so that each may decide whether he will undertake the trip. The Bank will be glad, of course, to have them do so, if they choose to comply with the Government's request.

We are also requested to ask you whether it will be absolutely necessary for all three men to appear at the trial. Upon further investigation you may find that you can dispense with the appearance of one or more of these witnesses. We shall appreciate your giving consideration to this point.

It would be in the interest of all concerned that you advise us promptly of the precise date, as nearly as the progress of the case may permit, when you will need the testimony of these witnesses.

While the actual elapsed time of an all rail trip via Key West or Miami would be approximately four days, allowing for a few hours stop-over at New York, we recommend that if possible you advise us seven days in advance, so that the men may have two or three days to prepare for the trip and arrange for their absence from Havana Branch of the Bank. Also, would it be possible for you to arrange to call them to the stand promptly on their arrival, and can you give us an idea of the approximate length of their stay at St. Paul.

We quote from the Consul General's letter of December 5th as follows:

"It is proposed to allow each of the witnesses specified actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return."

In order that the Bank may be in a position to present the matter fully and clearly to the witnesses, we would like to have the following information:

Will the Government advance to each witness the amount necessary to purchase full transportation to and from Havana and St. Paul, or furnish them with the round trip tickets? The Bank, of course, cannot advance these expenses because the witnesses will not be engaged in the Bank's business. On the other hand, the Bank feels that the witnesses who are men of moderate salaries, and have no personal interest in the case, should not be asked to advance these expenses subject to later reimbursement by the Government.

Furthermore, as is stated in the letter, it will be necessary for the witnesses to supply themselves with proper clothing to meet the rigors of Winter in St. Paul. Will the Government pay the cost of such added clothing as the witnesses may reasonably require? Doubtless, an estimate can be made of the requirements of each witness, and the probable cost. Again, the Bank feels that it cannot ask these men to make such expenditures subject to reimbursement by the Government. Is the Government willing to advance them the reasonable cost of such clothing, or supply the clothing itself?

On the proposed allowance of \$5.00 per diem from the date the witnesses leave Cuba until the date of their return, the Bank officers whom we consulted expressed the opinion that while this should be sufficient for the time spent in travel, it would not cover actual hotel expenses during their stay at St. Paul.

Cannot arrangements be made for the Government to pay the witnesses the full amount of their expenses, or to make a larger per diem allowance for the time spent on the trial, under an arrangement whereby the

witnesses will not be required to advance these monies themselves?

In conclusion, we wish to assure you of the desire of this office to cooperate with you in the matter in every possible way.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Havana Branch of National City Bank so that it may communicate with the American Consul General, and upon receipt of your reply we will confer with Head Office of the Bank, to the end that it shall forward the same to Havana Branch with its recommendations.

Very truly yours,

/s/ SHEARMAN & STERLING

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Enclosure

C O P Y

Habana, Cuba, December 5, 1935.

The National City Bank of New York,  
Habana, Cuba.

RECEIVED  
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CARIBBEAN DISTRICT

Sirs:

The Department of State in Washington has referred to the Consulate General the Department of Justice's letter of December 2, 1935, in which they advised that there is pending in St. Paul, Minnesota, the case of United States v. Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, Cassius McDonald, et al, charged with conspiring unlawfully to violate the provisions of the Federal Kidnapping Statutes in connection with the kidnapping and interstate transportation of Edward G. Bremer, of St. Paul, Minnesota. This case is set for trial on January 6, 1936, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

To establish McDonald's money changing activities in Cuba, it will be necessary to have as Government witnesses at this trial a number of persons who can testify and also produce certain documentary evidence. The United States Attorney at St. Paul advises that these persons either are citizens of Cuba or have been resident here for some time. He is therefore desirous of obtaining the attendance from Cuba of the following persons from the National City Bank, who should be available in St. Paul some time during the latter part of the week commencing January 6, 1936:

- (1) Nicholas Rodriguez, Teller.
- (2) C. F. Elsner, Sub-Manager, "and have with you then and there (a) all papers and records of your bank covering the purchase on September 5, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$11,000 in Cuban gold, in which transaction Juan Ruiz and Rene Bolivar, and a third party appeared; (b) all the exchange and other records of your bank covering the purchase on September 11, 1934, or thereabouts, of \$50,000 in small American bills from the Chase National Bank, of Habana, and (c) all the letters, papers and records of your bank showing and pertaining to the forwarding for mutilation to the Federal Reserve Bank of all ransom moneys found in your bank, paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer.
- (3) E. Dominguez, Sub-Accountant in charge of Cash Department, "and have with you then and there all of the records of your bank (a) listing the bills, forming a part of the ransom moneys paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer which were found in the vault of your bank, and (b) showing the receipt, handling and disposition at the vault of your bank of \$72,000 in small American bills

received at your bank on or about September 10, 1935.\*

The United States Attorney calls particular attention to the fact that certain witnesses are required to produce certain documentary evidence, and that these witnesses would be valueless to the United States without the documentary evidence specified above which is now in their possession.

It is proposed to allow each of the witness specified above actual travel expenses and \$5.00 per diem from the date they leave Cuba until the date of return. Inasmuch as these witnesses live in a warm climate, it is believed that they should be informed of climatic conditions in Minnesota, especially during the months of January and February, in order that they may supply themselves with the proper clothing.

It will be greatly appreciated by the United States Government if you will advise the Consulate General at the earliest possible date as to whether it will be possible for these three individuals from your bank, with the specified evidence, to appear as witnesses at the above mentioned trial.

This letter is being supplied you with extra copy, inasmuch as it is understood that you will be required to refer the matter to your home office.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Cameron,  
American Consul General.

C O P Y

GAH:eh

Saint Paul,  
December 17, 1935

Shearman & Sterling  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law  
National City Bank Building  
55 Wall Street  
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated December 10, 1935, regarding certain witnesses in Cuba who have been subpoenaed by the United States to testify for the government in the so-called Edward G. Bremer kidnapping conspiracy case, which is for trial in the District Court of the United States at Saint Paul, Minnesota, commencing January 6, 1936.

At the outset of this letter I desire to express to you my keen appreciation of the spirit of cooperation manifested in your letter to me, and to assure you that I desire to cooperate with you and the employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank to the end that as little inconvenience and jeopardy as possible will attach to their appearance in Saint Paul as government witnesses.

Some time ago a conference was held at this office between Special Agents of the Department of Justice and the undersigned, with a view to eliminating any evidence or witnesses from Havana, Cuba, except evidence and witnesses absolutely required to establish competently the chain of evidence and events absolutely necessary to be established at this trial. As lawyers you will appreciate that in a case of this kind the government has the burden to establish to the degree required by the criminal law of the United States, to-wit: beyond a reasonable doubt, every element of the conspiracy charged in this case, and to that end certain testimony and evidence is altogether necessary in the premises. We cannot dispense with the testimony of any of the witnesses named.



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With regard to the documentary evidence required, this office will undertake, after the originals thereof have been received in evidence, to obtain a court order immediately authorizing the substitution of photostat copies for such originals, in order that such originals may be released and returned to Havana upon the discharge of the witnesses identifying them at the trial.

You state it would be helpful if you might be furnished in advance with a list of the specific papers and records of the Havana Branch of the bank which will be required on the trial of said case. In answer to this suggestion I can only say that I have described as specifically as I can the documentary evidence in my letter to the Attorney General of the United States, which apparently was transmitted to the United States Consul at Havana, who, in turn, advised the Havana Branch of said bank, of the request made by me in that connection which appears in the copy of a letter from the American Consul General at Havana, which is attached to your letter to me. Not being familiar with the methods of bookkeeping and maintaining records employed in the Havana Branch bank, I can only state generally the papers and records of the bank which are required, which I have already done, and I feel confident that Mr. Elsner and Mr. Dominguez will understand from the general description just what papers and records are required to establish the transactions mentioned by the American Consul General in his communication.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in Washington, assigned a Special Agent to Saint Paul in connection with this matter who arrived here this morning. This representative of the Attorney General advised me that he was assured by his superior officer, prior to his departure from Washington last week, that the United States, in the matter of expense incident to these Cuban witnesses and the documentary evidence they produce, is ready and willing to bear all expenses necessarily coupled with their appearance in Saint Paul and their welfare and safety while in this jurisdiction, which includes proper clothing for this climate and taxi cab expenses between the hotel and the court house here to avoid, so far as possible, the exposure of these witnesses to the winter weather conditions which will exist here in January. I think those of us here appreciate fully the danger involved in the unnecessary exposure of these people to the rigors of our northern climate and you may rest assured that we will do everything possible to make them comfortable and to avoid any jeopardy to them.



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You state in your letter: "It would be in the interest of all concerned that you advise us promptly of the precise date, as nearly as the progress of the case may permit, when you will need the testimony of these witnesses."

The last trial of this case consumed five weeks time. The Cuban phases of the case, at the trial thereof to be commenced on January 6th next, will be presented after all the other testimony and evidence is in the record. It is most difficult to say at this time just when the presence of the Cuban witnesses will be necessary in the circumstances. You understand, of course, that we would like to have them here several days in advance of the taking of their testimony, in order that we may have an opportunity to review the entire situation with them. We shall conform to your request as nearly as possible, however, and I am informed that one S. K. McKee, a Special Agent of the Department of Justice, has gone to Cuba and will reside at the Presidente Hotel in Havana, for the purpose of collaborating in the matter of bringing these witnesses to Saint Paul. I shall make an arrangement whereby I can wire Mr. McKee and he in turn can contact these witnesses six or seven days in advance of their appearance in Saint Paul, and in this way regulate the matter as nearly as I can. As soon as they have testified I shall see that they are immediately discharged and permitted to return to their homes.

With reference to your inquiry whether the government will advance to each witness the amount necessary to purchase full round trip transportation, it will be necessary for me to refer the matter to the Attorney General for advice in the premises, which I am doing, and asking that the Department advise you directly with reference to the financial arrangements that are being made or are to be made. As I have stated before I am assured this morning that the government intends to pay whatever items of expense are incurred by these witnesses in connection with their comfort and health--that is to say, that the government will furnish them with such winter clothing as will insure their comfort in this climate. I shall ask the Department of Justice to advise you more fully with reference to the plans that are being made to finance these witnesses in connection with their trip and their sojourn here in the city of Saint Paul.

Again thanking you for your very kind letter, I am

Yours very truly,

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney

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Post Office Box #2344,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

December 19, 1935.

Acting Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: PERIOD

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. B. Matney, Detroit, Michigan, dated December 9, 1935, in the above entitled case, setting out a lead for the Boston Office to ascertain the details of the \$20,000 larceny by Cassius McDonald at Boston.

Your attention is invited to my letter of November 8, 1935, addressed to you, and sent in response to your teletypic message of December 9th, which sets out the details of the arrest of the Boston Police in Cassius McDonald.

If you have not received this letter, a copy of it will be sent to you.

cc - Bureau  
cc - Chicago  
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cc - St. Paul  
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Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 18, 1935.

Time - 12:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent in Charge Alt telephoned me from the Jacksonville Office and said that he received last evening a telegram from the St. Paul Office asking for the names of the Cuban witnesses whose presence was assured. Mr. Alt said he was just advised by Agent McKee in Cuba that he has seven witnesses who have agreed to be present in St. Paul on the date desired. There are three witnesses at the National City Bank in Havana, and McKee is unable to learn what they are going to do. These witnesses are awaiting instructions from the main bank in New York. In this regard, Mr. McKee suggested that the New York Office go after the situation in New York vigorously. Mr. Alt said he is unable to furnish me with the names of the witnesses, for the reason that he does not know which of the witnesses the United States Attorney at St. Paul is going to subpoena; that there are five of them in the bank, but only three are going to be used; that, however, this information is in the possession of the New York Office.

At the National Hotel in Havana, there are four prospective witnesses, but the United States Attorney has subpoenaed only two of them, and Mr. Alt does not know their names. These witnesses have indicated to the American Consul in Havana that they would not go, but McKee believes he can put it over to them either today or tomorrow, and is working on them now. Mr. McKee believes that if the National City Bank in New York will instruct their witnesses to proceed to St. Paul and he, McKee, puts it over at the National Hotel, everything will be in line.

Thus, the main thing that is holding the matter up at this time is the delay in New York on the part of the National City Bank in instructing their witnesses to go to St. Paul.

I told Mr. Alt that the Bureau would take this matter up with the New York Office, and he, Alt, should advise the St. Paul Office in the premises.

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Respectfully,

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DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case.

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum pertaining to the recent developments in connection with the Bureau's efforts to have available at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, all witnesses residing in Cuba in connection with the trial of Cassius McDonald, et al. In addition thereto, the results of the conference with Mr. Fisher of the Department are also related.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM

Re: Bremer Kidnaping  
Case.

This forenoon Mr. Fisher of the Department called with reference to the Cuban witnesses who will be necessary for the successful prosecution of Cassius McDonald at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 6, 1936, stating that he desired to confer with the Bureau on the matter of having available all Cuban witnesses at the trial of Cassius McDonald and to determine the exact status of the Cuban witnesses at the present time. In this connection Mr. E. L. Richmond and Mr. Rosen conferred with Mr. Fisher, who proffered the following questions.

Mr. Fisher was concerned with the introduction of the necessary records which will have to be brought from Cuba to the United States and wanted to know whether the original records would have to be produced or whether photostatic copies, duly authenticated, could be introduced in evidence. He stated he was addressing a letter to Mr. George F. Sullivan, United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, in which he intended to raise the question as to the proper introduction of records which will come from Cuba.

Mr. Fisher wanted to know whether all of the Cuban witnesses would be available for the trial at St. Paul. He was advised of the recent telephonic information received from Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is in Havana, Cuba, to the effect that there are twelve witnesses in all whose presence has been requested at St. Paul; that the State Department has now contacted all of these witnesses and has obtained agreements from five of these persons to be present at St. Paul. In addition to the five witnesses whose appearances are assured, Mr. McKee has contacted a sixth witness who has agreed to appear. Mr. Fisher advised that inasmuch as all communications and requests in this matter would be directed through the State Department, he would be able to obtain complete cooperation through a Miss Marsh, who is in the State Department, and who is familiar with the correspondence as it relates to the obtaining of Cuban witnesses for the trial at St. Paul.

Regarding the payment of all expenses in connection with the traveling of the Cuban witnesses from Cuba to St. Paul and return, Mr. Fisher stated that all monies expended by the State Department

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would be recovered from the Department of Justice; that the Department of Justice had allotted \$10,000 to be expended in the trial of the defendants at St. Paul, Minnesota, and that this fund was almost all used up. However, Mr. Fisher stated he would exert every effort by direct contact with the Division of Accounts and impress upon the Division of Accounts of the Department the necessity of having the Cuban witnesses at St. Paul at the time of this trial. He inquired as to whether someone in the Bureau would be available to further impress upon the Division of Accounts the dire necessity of having the Cuban witnesses at St. Paul. He was advised that every assistance would be given him when the occasion presented itself and that he should feel free to call upon the Bureau at the appropriate time.

From previous correspondence in connection with the disbursement of funds to the Cuban witnesses, it appears that it was the belief that the State Department would determine the amount of money which it was willing to grant to any witness who will not proceed to St. Paul because of financial reasons. As a result of the conference with Mr. Fisher, it can be definitely stated that all funds are chargeable to the Department of Justice and that the expenditure of such funds is being made through the State Department.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from the New York office which relates to the cooperation extended by the National City Bank with regard to its employees proceeding from Cuba to St. Paul to attend the trial of Cassius McDonald et al on January 6, 1936. Mr. A. P. Barranco, Counsel, and Mr. R. R. Hughes, Comptroller of the National City Bank, stated they are willing to cooperate with the Government in every way possible and that the following employees of the Havana Branch of the National City Bank will proceed to St. Paul as requested: C. F. Elsner, sub-manager; E. Dominguez, sub-accountant; and Nicholas Rodriguez, teller.

With reference to the telephonic conversation of December 14, 1935 between Special Agent S. K. McKee and K. R. McIntire of the Bureau, Agent McKee stated that Mrs. Cassius McDonald, using her maiden name, Edith Gordon, was recently in Cuba and that she secured the services of a Cuban attorney whose name and identity are unknown



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at this time. It appears that the Cuban attorney has contacted all of the Government's witnesses and has attempted to buy them off, and when this failed, has, after a fashion, threatened certain witnesses. Agent McKee stated the attorney has also indicated to these witnesses that "there is no telling what the United States Government might do to them when they get to St. Paul" and in this manner has attempted to dissuade them from proceeding to St. Paul. Agent McKee will endeavor to learn the identity of the Cuban attorney but was advised not to contact this attorney inasmuch as nothing could be gained from this contact and that whatever damage he was capable of doing has probably been consummated by this time.

With further reference to Mr. Fisher's contact with Miss Marsh of the State Department, who is familiar with the correspondence as it relates to the obtaining of Cuban witnesses for the trial at St. Paul, it should be noted that Mr. Fisher will communicate with Miss Marsh, who in turn will communicate with representatives of the State Department in Havana, Cuba, advising the Cuban representatives of the State Department of the presence of Agent McKee in Havana, Cuba, and of his official capacity as a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and that he is in Cuba at the present time for the express purpose of assisting in the consummation of all negotiations whereby the Cuban witnesses will proceed to St. Paul, Minnesota in connection with the instant trial. Mr. Fisher indicated that this, in effect, would result in the turning over of the entire matter to Agent McKee who will endeavor to have the Cuban witnesses available at St. Paul, Minnesota, in time to appear at the instant trial on January 6, 1936.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Time - 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

During a telephonic conversation which I had with Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein at the St. Paul Office, I mentioned the status of the Cuban witnesses in the forthcoming trial of the above matter, and informed him that the State Department has advised our Department that a number of the Cuban witnesses are reluctant to come up to St. Paul at this time, for various and sundry reasons. All of the witnesses are willing to come later in the year, but they don't want to come now. I told him that the Criminal Division of the Department wrote the United States Attorney at St. Paul an air mail, special delivery letter about this situation, and indicated that they might have to postpone the trial. I asked Mr. Stein to take this matter up with the United States Attorney and find out what he contemplates doing; that we are planning on sending Special Agent K. R. McIntire out there for the trial of the case, and if the case is going to be postponed, we, of course, don't want to send him.

Mr. Stein said that only last evening he talked with Assistant United States Attorney Heisey, who has charge of the prosecution of this case, at which time Mr. Heisey was preparing subpoenas for the Cuban witnesses. Evidently, he had not received the letter from the Criminal Division. I told Mr. Stein to get in touch with him at once, and suggest to him that he withhold any further action in this matter until he gets the letter from the Department.

I pointed out to Mr. Stein that if the Bureau is asked for a viewpoint in this matter, our position should be that there ought not to be a severance of trial among the defendants; that is, we think that all of the defendants should be tried at the same time. I told Mr. Stein that it is entirely possible that Cassius McDonald cannot be convicted without the testimony of the Cuban witnesses, and further, he ought to be tried with the others so that he can be more or less carried along with them. Therefore, if the question of postponement is presented to us, our position should be that there should be a postponement as to all of the defendants, rather than just a severance and postponement as to McDonald.

Mr. Stein said he would bear this in mind.

Respectfully,

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Acting Special Agent in Charge Clinton Stein telephoned Mr. McIntire from the St. Paul Office with reference to the situation of the Cuban witnesses in the above matter. He said that United States Attorney Sullivan has today addressed a letter to the Attorney General, a copy of which was furnished to him, Stein, and is being forwarded to the Bureau by air mail, special delivery. The last paragraph of this letter reads in part as follows: "The trial date, January 6, 1936, was set at the opening of the term at St. Paul on November 6, 1935, by the Court upon the motion of the Government, and over much objection on the part of Sawyer, so we cannot hope to secure a new date for the trial of this case."

However, Mr. Sullivan makes the suggestion that since it is his understanding that the Cuban banks are affiliated with the National City and the Chase National Banks of New York, if the proper instructions were issued by the two New York banks to the employees of the banks in Cuba, not much difficulty would be encountered in securing their attendance. Mr. Sullivan also suggests to the Department that he has learned that Special Agent McKee of this Bureau is on quite friendly terms with most of the Cuban witnesses, since he has interviewed them in the past, and that he thought the Department ought to try to make some arrangements to have Agent McKee visit the witnesses in an effort to persuade them to come to St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan also believes that the Department can make the necessary arrangements as to overcoats, winter supplies, etc, but that he believes it absolutely necessary that this trial be had without a severance. Mr. Sullivan says that if these witnesses are not brought to St. Paul for this trial, the Government cannot proceed to try McDonald; that to try Sawyer without McDonald being tried at the same time would probably result in Sawyer being acquitted.

Mr. McIntire inquired if Mr. Sullivan had made any statement relative to the legality of bringing books and records from Cuba into the United States to be used in evidence in this trial. Mr. Stein said that while Mr. Sullivan had not commented upon this, he is sure that Mr. Sullivan considers these books and records absolutely necessary for use in evidence in the trial of this case.

Mr. McIntire said that the suggestions of Mr. Sullivan would be taken under advisement by the Bureau.

Respectfully, 4-576-8477

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 17, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir: I am submitting herewith copies of a letter dated  
at Chicago, Illinois December 15, 1935, addressed to Gerald  
Tankersley, now in Indianapolis, Indiana, from Emily Westcott, a  
sister of Alvin Karpis.  
Very truly yours,

WENDE HARTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Carol:-

Received your cards package and letter sure was glad to hear from you also that you got home alright. Did you hear from Dorothy yet? I wish she would write me a few lines as I will always be worried about her

My mother isn't feeling so well as every Christmas and holidays she always gets the blues. We are all holding our breath as we never had a happy Christmas for the last 10 years

The baby is fine I sure do love that baby and only wish Ray could see him just for 5 minutes

Betty talks of you all the time she sure enjoyed your visit I did to as I forgot about my own troubles

I hope some day we can come to Ohio, or better still you can come for a real visit

Write me real soon

Your Friend Emily

P. S. Betty says thank you for the nice package.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

December 14, 1935

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: WILLIAM J. HARRISON

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There is attached a reply to a letter addressed to me by Henry Simpson, Assistant Circuit Attorney at St. Louis, Missouri. I met the Circuit Attorney, Mr. Franklin Miller, and I think I met Simpson, when at St. Louis to deliver an address recently. I had previously met Miller. Miller's office is the office figuring in the prosecution of Agent Reed. While in the initiation of this case, under the pressure of newspaper attack, Miller's office insisted that the Grand Jury hear the evidence, the Grand Jury immediately indicting, and while, if Miller had withheld action at that time it might have been that we could have beaten the Grand Jury indictment, yet since that time Miller's office has been extremely agreeable and cooperative so far as a prosecutor's office can be, in affording the United States Attorney's office and ourselves all the delay that we have requested in the hearing of this case. As you know, this has resulted in a delay of over a year, which was necessary in view of the fact that one of our witnesses was unable to appear until September of this year. Miller's office, I do not believe, has over-aggressively prosecuted this case, and I would like, so far as may be possible, without jeopardizing any interests of the Bureau, to oblige them in any possible way. The attached inquiry is a little embarrassing inasmuch as it refers to Willie Harrison and the desire of Harrison's family for information which will prove his death for life insurance purposes.

I find that I.C. #7-576 refers to the identification of Harrison. I do not know whether the information in this Interesting Case has already been released to any press service, but assume that inasmuch as it has been made an Interesting Case, it is subject to release by any newspaper correspondent who may be given the privilege of examining our Interesting Case files. At least, I am informed that this is the accepted procedure. I gather, therefore, that the information in the release need not be kept from these people and the attached reply furnishes them with a record which I have prepared covering that part of the release beginning with the second paragraph on page two of the I.C. and continuing to the end thereof. I believe it will be safe to send this to Simpson.

Very truly yours,

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December 14, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to our discussion of the inquiries concerning a story furnished by Mrs. Gus Winkler, you are advised that a check of the files fails to disclose any telephone call received at the Bureau from a newspaper man in New York, inquiring as to whether we had in our possession such a document.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
E. A. Tamm *chr.*

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PHONE. BREKID. ISABELLE BORN RELATES BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH CHARLES

FITZGERALD WHILE EMPLOYED AS DOMESTIC FOR JACK DAVENPORT TEN YEARS AGO.  
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NOT KNOW IDENTITY OF WRITER OR ANY FURTHER DETAILS. HER FINGERPRINTS TAKEN  
AND FORWARDED CHICAGO AND BUREAU TODAY.

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December 17, 1935.

Time - 3:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

*Phone Tapping*

Special Agent in Charge Hanson telephoned me from the Los Angeles Office to furnish additional information relative to the activities of Charlie Fitzgerald out there. He said that since February 7, 1935, to July 7, 1935, Fitzgerald was living at 1036 South Menlo, Los Angeles. Former Special Agent in Charge J.E.P. Dunn resided in the building at this address. On or about September 8, 1935, Fitzgerald moved into the Benjamin Franklin apartments at 512 South Hobart Avenue, at which place he is now residing. Fitzgerald has been drinking rather heavily, and his condition requires the assistance of someone. With this in mind, he has picked up a girl named Imogene Robertson, a former telephone operator. She is now his companion, or secretary as she holds herself out to be. She occupies an apartment with her mother across the street from the building in which Fitzgerald maintains his apartment. Fitzgerald is living alone. He goes to see her every day, and they go out driving, and sometimes make business trips of a day or so. She has his automobile, which is a Chevrolet Coupe, cream wheels, 1935 California license tags 1V6737. The motor number of the car is N-481881. Fitzgerald does not arise until about ten or eleven o'clock in the morning, and the first thing he does is to call this girl, after which he usually goes over to her apartment.

It appears that he is getting his money through the mail, and receives mail about once or twice a month. The manager of the apartment house in which Fitzgerald now resides says that Fitzgerald received three letters during the past month. One of the letters, they have ascertained, was received in Los Angeles on December 9, 1935, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, bearing Registry No. 17450. With reference to this number, Mr. Hanson said that he has communicated this information to Mr. Connelley who said he would talk to the St. Paul Office about the same. In the letters which Fitzgerald is receiving, he usually gets large bills; that is, denominations of five hundred dollars or a thousand dollars each. A further and minute check of the registry records in Los Angeles is being made for any additional information.

Apparently, Fitzgerald made a telephone call from the girl's apartment to Ashtabula, Ohio, calling telephone number 2513 and asking for Mr. Murray Cook at the Shallows Club. This call was made on November 13th at 12:30 A.M. The only other call to the Middle West which has been located thus far is one which was made on November 4th to Waukegan, Illinois, calling Majestic 1836. You will note that this call was made at about the time Belle Born was in Waukegan, and Mr. Connelley has taken official cognizance of this fact. The check on the telephone calls is going ahead with vigor.

Last Summer some time, Fitzgerald had an accident, at which time he broke his leg. He was in the hospital for quite a while, and while some of his friends

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alleged to have sent some telegrams. These telegrams were sent in code, and were signed with the name "Rosie". A check is going to be made on these telegrams, of course. - \*

Mr. Hanson said that he has two men in the apartment next to Fitzgerald, and these men have reported that Fitzgerald has left his apartment and gone to the apartment of this girl; that their automobile is standing out in the street, and it appears they are going somewhere. Mr. Hanson said that while they are going to try to keep them under surveillance, if they are lost, they are not going to do much about it for the reason that we are more interested at this time in checking the mail, telephone calls, telegrams, etc. They have in mind, of course, as soon as possible, getting into his apartment, and that of the girl, in order to look around.

Mr. Hanson said that he has in mind placing telephone taps on his telephone and on that of the girl. I told him that when he gets ready to put these taps on, he should notify the Bureau, and we would authorize the installation of them. Mr. Hanson said that they couldn't get ready for these until about Thursday; that he has an appointment with the Special Agent of the telephone company this afternoon, at which time he will broach him on the subject.

Mr. Connelley has been furnished with all of the developments in this situation, and is supervising the activity in the auxiliary offices.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

You will note from the attached memorandum that Charlie Fitzgerald, a subject of the Bremer Case, had been residing at 1036 South Menlo, Los Angeles, California, from February 7, 1935 to July 7, 1935, at which time he removed. Former Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn of the Los Angeles Office was residing at this address during this entire time.

Respectfully,

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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

**SPECIAL DELIVERY  
AIR-MAIL**

Dear Sir:

In re: BREKID

The offices to which copies of this letter are being furnished for their information are requested to treat the information herein after set out as confidential, except insofar as it is necessary to impart such information to Agents specifically working on this particular case, and wherein this information will be of value to them in carrying out any leads necessary.

In connection with the inquiry conducted by Special Agents R. C. Suran and J. L. Madala in an effort to locate the supposed farm of CHARLES J. FITZGERALD at either Waukegan, Illinois or Hammond, Indiana upon my instructions Agent Madala interviewed [redacted] who with considerable reluctance furnished the information hereinafter set out, it being necessary to give her to understand definitely that should she be responsible for harboring any of the individuals concerned, or aiding or abetting them in connection with their various crimes, she would be suitably prosecuted.

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The above information was communicated to acting S. A. C. Stein at St. Paul in order that it could be treated as confidential. He was informed however that it was to be considered in connection with their proposed interview with Belle Born on December 17, 1935; that with this information available they should handle the interview with Belle Born very cautiously, in order not to indicate to her that we had any information whatsoever as to the location of Fitzgerald, for fear that if they proceeded too far in their interview of her they might cause her if she knew the address of Fitzgerald, to communicate with him and cause him to leave his present address.

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The foregoing information was telephoned to S.A.C. Hanson, Los Angeles, California, and to Mr. Harold Nathan of the Bureau on December 16, 1935, immediately we had received same. The Los Angeles office was requested to make immediate inquiry to determine definitely that Fitzgerald was still at this address, and should he be located there suitable definite arrangements should be made for an immediate surveillance of Fitzgerald, together with a cover of his telephone, telegrams, mail, etc, and particularly that careful inquiry be made to

determine whether or not Karpis and Campbell are now in that vicinity and in association with him.

In subsequent telephone conversation on December 16, 1935 S. A. C. Hanson, Los Angeles, advised that they had ascertained that Fitzgerald had previously lived at 1036 Manlow Avenue, Los Angeles, California; that he was there at all times until he moved to 512 South Hobart Avenue, the latter being the Benjamin Franklin Apartments; that they had verified that there was a crippled man living at 512 South Hobart Avenue as J. C. Foster; that apparently former S.A.C.- J.E.P. Dunn was living at 1036 Manlow Avenue at the time Fitzgerald lived at this address. It was also ascertained that Fitzgerald apparently has a Chevrolet six coupe under the name of J. C. Foster with California license 1-V-6737, motor M-4818861; that a change of address was made upon this automobile from 1036 Manlow Avenue to 512 South Hobart Avenue on July 17, 1935; that apparently as the people recalled, at the first address, he had been receiving mail from the east, as much as one thousand dollars at a time; that he had been in a subsequent automobile accident and broke his leg.

Later in telephone conversation S.A.C. Hanson further advised that Fitzgerald had become intimate with a girl who was the telephone operator at 1036 Manlow Avenue; that she was now established in an apartment across the street from his present address of 512 South Hobart Avenue; that apparently Fitzgerald had turned over his Chevrolet coupe to her for her use; that Fitzgerald had been receiving letters in which was contained money, and he had exhibited to persons there upon the receipt of such, one thousand and one hundred dollar bills; that he had received three letters this month; that it was believed they were from Minneapolis; that he is also apparently associated with some woman who calls at this place about two or three in the morning, an ugly dark complected woman who has been seen to enter the apartment but has not been seen to leave, although possibly she could go down into the garage on the elevator and not pass the desk in going out.

In later conversation S.A.C. Hanson, Los Angeles, California advised that Fitzgerald had been living at 1036 Manlow Avenue from February 7, 1935 to July 17, 1935; that he registered as J. C. Foster, Dayton, Ohio; that this girl he had picked up with was IMOGENE ROBERTSON who also is known as Martha Jean Robertson; that this girl in connection with her employment had indicated her father was A. F. Schaffer, her

mother being Alta Morgan Robertson. She indicated her birth place as Indianapolis, Indiana. She is now living with her mother at the Victoria Apartments across the street from 512 South Hobart Avenue. The mother is apparently a worthless individual who engages in drinking parties with Fitzgerald and her daughter, the daughter being given to very heavy drinking. At the time of Fitzgerald's previous injury and when he was taken to the hospital he turned over to the Robertson girl \$1500.00, and upon the insistence of the hotel people she placed this money in the bank in a joint account for herself and Fitzgerald.

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On November 13, 1935 at 12.30 A.M. a call was made by Mrs. Robertson to Ashtabula, Ohio, telephone 2515, and the party calling asked to speak to Murray Cook at the Shallows Club.

This girl Imogene Robertson is described as age 27 to 28 years, height 4 feet 1 or 2 inches, 120 pounds, dark brown hair, gray eyes, heavy drinker.

In connection with the mail received by Fitzgerald, a letter was received at the Benjamin Franklin Apartments, 512 South Hobart Ave. for Fitzgerald under the name of J. C. Foster, December 9, 1935 from Minneapolis, Minnesota, being a registered letter, number 17450. In connection with the mail previously received by Fitzgerald at the Menlow Avenue address this was mostly via special delivery, and as they recall some came from Waukegan, Illinois and some from St. Paul, Minnesota, and some of these special delivery letters contained money. There have been no long distance telephone calls from the Menlow Avenue address except one call to Long Beach, California which is being checked. He also sent several telegrams, particularly at the time he was injured as they would not operate upon him until he had notified his relatives, and these telegrams are being checked. Fitzgerald at the present time occasionally uses a cane and is apparently crippled in one leg.



The Los Angeles office has established two Agents in the apartment of the manager next to the apartment of Fitzgerald, and they are endeavoring to get a location across the street from this apartment for suitable surveillance.

In telephone conversation with Acting S.A.C. Stein, St. Paul, he was requested to check registered letter number 17450 today - December 17, 1935.

In this connection Belle Born is at present being interviewed at the St. Paul office together with her attorneys William McKee and another young attorney from Mankato, and she so far has indicated that she has known Fitzgerald nine or ten years, having met him in Chicago while hauling liquor; that she has lived with him from time to time; that last year she was in Toledo, Ohio with Wood and Eileen Hoyt and that she and Fitzgerald came to Chicago; that Fitzgerald went to California alone on the train and entered the Vallejo Hospital; that she subsequently followed him to California and visited with Mrs. McKenzie; that in February, 1935 while in California she received a letter with a blurred postmark from Florida, signed "friend Jim", advising her that Fitzgerald had died.

The St. Paul office was requested to encourage this woman to believe that she has successfully put over her false statement in this connection, in order to dissuade her from possibly taking any direct action as towards Fitzgerald if she believed we knew where he is presently located.

In telephone conversation with S.A.C. McFarland, Cleveland, Ohio he advised he has arranged to have suitable check made at once to determine the possible setup at Ashtabula, Ohio as to Murray Cook.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
A. J. CONNELLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

December 19, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

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Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID-

Reference is made to your letter of December 7, 1935 advising that Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons had been in conversation with one J. E. Maesner, Ponce de Leon Hotel, and he had been informed by the latter individual that he had previously been interviewed by me with reference to one "Kokomo Joe".

I have no recollection of this interview, nor do the files in this case reflect any such interview.

It is suggested that Maesner be contacted again and questioned as to the date and place of his interview with me, and all other circumstances which may assist me in locating any record which exists thereof.

cc - Bureau  
cc - Chicago  
cc - St. Paul  
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Very truly yours,

G. D. McKean,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 100  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Dear Sir:

In re: REXID

From time to time in connection with this case and the Kansas City massacre case, reference has been made to one GUS, TONE alias Gus, tavern alias Old Gus, whose identity has never been definitely established, although apparently he was associated with Vern Miller, Frank Nash, George Costa, Gus Winkler, Charles J. Fitzgerald and probably the Barker boys, and is believed to have participated in various bank robberies with different members of the gangs above indicated.

It was also reported that possibly he together with Charles J. Fitzgerald killed Gus Winkler at Chicago as a result of a difference over certain money which Winkler owed them, which had been previously put up to return certain assets to the Lincoln National Bank in connection with the robbery of that bank. Nothing however, is definitely known of any specific acts of this party.

By reference to report of Agent G. E. Dewey, Omaha, Neb. December 14, 1934, it is indicated that Charles J. Fitzgerald together with three other men was supposed to have robbed the Emmet County State Bank, Ratherville, Iowa August 20, 1933 obtaining \$3000.00. It is indicated that associated with Fitzgerald was one ELMER TONE, formerly of Ratherville, Iowa and who supposedly had a brother still living in Ratherville. Another party referred to as having been associated with them in the Emmet County bank robbery was HARRY M. IS alias Slim Morgan, Minneapolis Police Department No. C-7622, who was subsequently killed, and whose body was found August 18, 1931 near Red Wing, Minnesota.

The information above set out apparently was obtained from the files of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, State of Iowa at Des Moines.

It is requested that immediate effort be made to identify Elmer Stone. Particular efforts should be made to obtain a picture of him and if such picture is obtained it is believed it should be

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forwarded to the Denver office for the purpose of having it exhibited to prisoner ARTHUR JOHNSON alias Red Price, serving a life sentence for murder in the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, who previously gave us considerable information as to Gus Stone, and who should be able to identify him.

Johnson was interviewed by Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, as per his report dated February 21, 1934 at Salt Lake City. At that time Johnson described Gus Stone as being about 42-45 years of age; height about 5 ft. 10 1/2 in.; weight about 165 pounds; rugged build; dark hair; dark eyes; dark complexion; looks like a Jew and has a nose like a Jew. He also indicated that Stone's girl was known as Ginger; that she was about 22 or 23 years of age; 5 ft. 7 in. in height; 120 to 135 pounds; medium complexion; light brown hair; light brown eyes.

Please endeavor to ascertain if Elmer Stone is one and the same as Gus Stone, and if such is the case there is a possibility that he also might have been involved in the Hamm kidnapping, although there is nothing definite to indicate this except one statement of Byron Bolton.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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## Laboratory Report

December 16, 1935

Case: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer -  
Victim; Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-8486

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Specimens: Four .45 caliber copper alloy jacketed bullets.

Examination requested by: Cleveland Bureau Office

Date received: 12-11-35

Examination requested: Ballistic

Result of examination:

Examination by:

BAUGHMAN  
PARSONS

The four above bullets have been examined and from the rifling marks remaining on these bullets, it is believed that they were all fired from a Thompson sub-machine gun. These bullets upon being compared with each other, showed sufficient similarity to establish that all four were fired from the same gun.

These bullets have been compared with all specimens of that type contained in the Laboratory files, but no identification has been made. These bullets are being placed in the Laboratory's file of unidentified specimens recovered at scenes of crime and will be marked in the file as "D-20", "D-21", "D-22" and "D-23". The marks remaining on these bullets are rather distinct and it is believed that the gun from which they were fired can be identified.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer -  
Victim; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau December 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: 8076450

cc-St. Paul  
Cincinnati

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Mr. A. J. Connelley-Chicago

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December 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case  
Removal of Cuban Witnesses  
to St. Paul.

At about 5:15 P. M., December 12, 1935, I received a telephone call from Mr. Clinton Stein, Acting Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office, advising that he had conferred with Mr. Sullivan, the United States Attorney at St. Paul, with regard to the removal of Cuban witnesses to St. Paul. Mr. Sullivan had informed Mr. Stein that he had directed a letter to the Department informing that it would be impossible to obtain a continuance of the trial against McDonald, Sawyer and Weaver beyond January 6, 1936; that the Government had asked for a continuance from November 12, 1935, to January 6, 1936, and could not, therefore, ask for another continuance.

Mr. Sullivan indicated that unless McDonald were tried together with Weaver and Sawyer, the Government could not hope to obtain a successful prosecution against McDonald if he were to be tried at a later date separately. He also indicated that unless McDonald were tried together with Weaver and Sawyer, the Government could not hope to be successful in its prosecution of Sawyer.

In his letter Mr. Sullivan indicated that the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba, are owned by banks bearing the same title in New York City, and it might be possible to suggest to those in charge of the said banks in New York City to bring pressure to bear upon their employees in Havana, Cuba, instructing said employees to honor any request made by the United States Attorney at St. Paul suggesting their presence and further suggesting their producing such books and records as might be necessary. Accordingly, at about 6:40 P. M., on December 12, 1935, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Whitley, of the New York Office, giving him the names of the witnesses who are presently employed by the Chase National Bank and the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba, requesting that he immediately get in touch with those in charge of the said banks in New York City making efforts to have the superior officers of such banks instruct

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In view of the dire necessity of having all of the necessary Cuban witnesses present in St. Paul at the proper time, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Alt, of the Jacksonville Office, at 8:55 this morning, December 13, 1935, requesting him to communicate with Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is now located at the Presidente Hotel in Havana, Cuba. I asked that Agent McKee be instructed to communicate with the representatives of the State Department, of the United States Government, who are located in Cuba, and obtain from them a list of all the witnesses and books and records requested by the United States Attorney at St. Paul. In view of the fact that Agent McKee is personally acquainted with all the witnesses in Cuba, it was suggested that he personally interview each witness in order to induce the witnesses to proceed to St. Paul as requested.

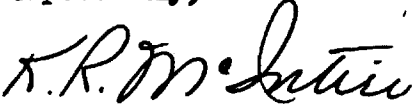
As pointed out in a previous memorandum submitted by me, you will recall that many of the witnesses have stated a reluctance to proceed to St. Paul in view of the fact that this is the busy season in Cuba when most of their money is made, other witnesses complaining that the weather is so cold in St. Paul they would rather proceed at another time of the year. It has also been pointed out that none of the witnesses has declared that he would not proceed. I suggested to Mr. Alt that Special Agent McKee could work in close cooperation with the American Department of State representatives in Cuba, looking towards the removal of these witnesses. It is, of course, understood that the Department of State representatives have the right to offer proper remuneration to foreign witnesses, and it is believed that if an appropriate remuneration were offered to the witnesses so that they would not be at a great financial loss in leaving their employment in Cuba, there would not be a great deal of difficulty in obtaining their consent to proceed to St. Paul. Mr. Alt said that he would immediately communicate with Agent McKee and have him go into this matter very thoroughly with the witnesses and also with the representatives of the Department of State.



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Mr. Alt suggested, however, that there is another small revolution in Cuba which may make it somewhat difficult for Agent McKee to operate as expeditiously as he might otherwise. It is noted also that this revolution may make it rather difficult for Agent McKee to locate some of the witnesses. Mr. Alt informed that the Bureau would be advised immediately of any developments.

Respectfully,

  
K. R. McIntire.

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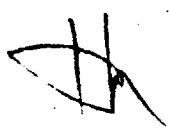
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In view of the dire necessity of having all of the necessary Cuban witnesses present in St. Paul at the proper time, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Alt, of the Jacksonville Office, at 8:55 this morning, December 13, 1935, requesting him to communicate with Special Agent S. K. McKee, who is now located at the Presidente Hotel in Havana, Cuba. I asked that Agent McKee be instructed to communicate with the representatives of the State Department, of the United States Government, who are located in Cuba, and obtain from them a list of all the witnesses and books and records requested by the United States Attorney at St. Paul. In view of the fact that Agent McKee is personally acquainted with all the witnesses in Cuba, it was suggested that he personally interview each witness in order to induce the witnesses to proceed to St. Paul as requested.

As pointed out in a previous memorandum submitted by me, you will recall that many of the witnesses have stated a reluctance to proceed to St. Paul in view of the fact that this is the busy season in Cuba when most of their money is made, other witnesses complaining that the weather is so cold in St. Paul they would rather proceed at another time of the year. It has also been pointed out that none of the witnesses has declared that he would not proceed. I suggested to Mr. Alt that Special Agent McKee could work in close cooperation with the American Department of State representatives in Cuba, looking towards the removal of these witnesses. It is, of course, understood that the Department of State representatives have the right to offer proper remuneration to foreign witnesses, and it is believed that if an appropriate remuneration were offered to the witnesses so that they would not be at a great financial loss in leaving their employment in Cuba, there would not be a great deal of difficulty in obtaining their consent to proceed to St. Paul. Mr. Alt said that he would immediately communicate with Agent McKee and have him go into this matter very thoroughly with the witnesses and also with the representatives of the Department of State.

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Mr. Alt suggested, however, that there is another small revolution in Cuba which may make it somewhat difficult for Agent McKee to operate as expeditiously as he might otherwise. It is noted also that this revolution may make it rather difficult for Agent McKee to locate some of the witnesses. Mr. Alt informed that the Bureau would be advised immediately of any developments.

Respectfully,

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E. A. McIntire.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 18, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

BREKID

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter received by the United States Attorney, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated December 14, 1935, from Leonard K. Thomson, Manager of the McAllister Hotel, Miami, Florida, and the United States Attorney's reply.

These communications related to the comfort of witnesses proceeding from that territory to St. Paul in the forthcoming trial.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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MAIL LISTER  
Hotel 550 Rooms  
550 Baths  
Miami, Florida

Leonard K. Thomson, Manager  
Executive Office

December 14, 1935

Honorable George F. Sullivan  
U. S. District Attorney  
Federal Courts Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

I am writing you at the suggestion of the Honorable Judge Halsted L. Ritter, of the Federal Court, in Miami, with reference to subpoenas received by my Auditor, James Tinley, and one of my clerks, Roy Stager. They have received notice to appear in your court on the 9th of January in connection with the case of Alvin Karpis. I have spoken to Judge Ritter because of the fact that these two young men are residents of Miami, living here with their families year-around, and not in a position to make a trip at that time of the year, first because they have no overcoats nor heavy clothing that would be required and their physicians are of the opinion that it might be detrimental to their health to attempt to go into a cold section with the temperature probably sixty or seventy degrees lower than they are accustomed to.

Would it be possible to have the Registration Card, Departure Book, and other records required sent to you together with a certified copy of testimony required? I realize the importance of cases under the jurisdiction of your court, but have discussed this with my physician and he is of the opinion that anyone living in Miami year-round might find it extremely dangerous to their health to go into the cold climate, particularly unless they were well clothed.

In so far as the testimony of either of these young men, they can only verify the records, as it would be impossible for the Clerk to recognize any individual guest, with the number of persons they are registering throughout the year. I would appreciate your assistance and cooperation in any arrangements that can be made so that these men would not have to make this trip during this time of the year.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Leonard K. Thomson, Manager

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Saint Paul,  
December 17, 1935

Leonard K. Thomson,  
Manager,  
The McAllister Hotel,  
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter, dated December 14, 1935, relative to the appearance in the United States District Court at Saint Paul of James Tinley and Roy Stager, your auditor and your clerk.

I am assured by the Department in Washington that everything will be done to insure the comfort, welfare and safety of these government witnesses and I am referring your letter to the proper authorities in order that they may assure you in detail of just what is being done in this connection. I understand that the government is preparing to furnish overcoats and heavy clothing for a large number of witnesses who will come from warm climates and I shall undertake to have the authorities, in charge of these arrangements, inform you directly with reference to the arrangements that are being made.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE F. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 18, 1935,  
together with the enclosures, in the above entitled matter.

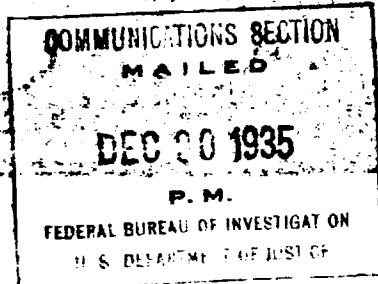
Please be advised that every effort is being made by the  
Bureau through the cooperation of the Department and the Department  
of State to furnish appropriate wearing apparel to those witnesses  
who will appear at the trial in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 6,  
1936 in connection with this case, so that these witnesses may be  
suitably clothed to insure their comfort, welfare and safety.

We are instructed to inform all interested persons of  
the Bureau's intention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Jacksonville  
Cincinnati  
E. J. Connelley





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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-80**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-18-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12-17-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>JOHN E. BRENNAN</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>GRABELLE BORN relates became acquainted with Charles Fitzgerald while employed as domestic for Jack Davenport ten years ago. Resumed acquaintance five years later while engaged in bootlegging activities in Chicago. Thereafter maintained close relationship, residing with him in Chicago, Toledo, and San Francisco. Claims never met any of his friends identified in instant case other than Al Woods of Toledo. Left Fitzgerald in Toledo middle of January this year. Claims not to have heard of or from him since that time, but relates that in February received letter from Florida, signed "Friend Jim", stating Fitzgerald had died of an infection. Does not know identity of writer or any further details. Interview terminated leaving BELLE BORN under impression Agents accepted her statement concerning death of Fitzgerald in corroboration of information previously obtained indicating that he is dead.</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Paul, Minnesota, 12-14-35.</b>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>H. E. Anderson</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-576-8490</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 20 1935</b>
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**DETAILS:**

ISABELLE BORN, accompanied by Attorneys Robert Phan of Mankato, and Thomas McMeekin of St. Paul, called at the Bureau Office, pursuant to previous arrangement, on December 17, 1935, at which time the purpose of the interview sought with her was outlined to her attorneys. Mr. McMeekin stated that he and Mr. Phan had consulted with BELLE BORN prior to coming to the Bureau Office and had advised her to answer any questions pertaining to her association with any persons who might in some manner or other be subject of an investigation conducted by the Bureau, but stated that they desired to have it agreed beforehand that no prosecution of BELLE BORN would result by reason of any information which she might supply concerning violations of the National Prohibition Act, most of which violations, so it was understood, were barred by the statute of limitations anyhow, in reply to which Mr. McMeekin was informed that this Bureau was not concerned with the National Prohibition Act but only with information which might be obtained from BELLE BORN relating to persons alleged to be involved in the kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREMER.

At the beginning of the interview it was stated to BELLE BORN that the Bureau desired to know whether she was acquainted with Charles Fitzgerald, and if so, whether Fitzgerald was dead or alive, and that the reason for the latter question was because information had been developed indicating that he may have died within the last year.

BELLE BORN stated that some time, possibly around the last of February of 1935, while she was in Mankato, Minnesota, she received a letter, the postmark on which was somewhat blurred but which she believed to have been from some point in Florida, which letter stated that Fitzgerald, whom she knew as Murphy, had told the writer of the letter to communicate with BELLE BORN if anything happened to him, and went on to state that Charlie had died of an infection; that this letter was signed "Friend Jim", and that she does not know the identity of the writer and has received no further information regarding the alleged death of Fitzgerald.

BELLE BORN was questioned by Special Agent E. E. McIntire and Agent and the following story was told by her:

She stated that she has known Mrs. Jack Davenport of Minneapolis for many years and worked for her as a domestic in Minneapolis for three or four years up to about nine or ten years ago; that while so employed Charles J. Fitzgerald called at the Davenports and he was introduced to her as S. J. MURPHY; that after leaving the employ of the Davenports she became engaged in bootlegging activities which often required her presence in Chicago, and that about five years after meeting Fitzgerald, while engaged in the liquor traffic, she was with some people likewise occupied in Chicago, and while having dinner in a restaurant these people met Fitzgerald in the restaurant and he was again introduced to her. She stated that she recognized Fitzgerald and told him that she had met him at the Davenports five years before; that she was entertained by Fitzgerald during her stay in Chicago on that occasion, and from that time on he would communicate with her at Mankato and ask her to come to Chicago, and he would meet her on these occasions at the station, and she would stay with him for possibly a month at a time in Chicago and then return to her home in Mankato; that in August or September of 1933 she met Fitzgerald in Chicago and he left, stating that he was going to Canada, and she returned to her home in Mankato with the understanding that Fitzgerald would come to Mankato for Thanksgiving dinner; that at the time she left him in Chicago he was suffering from a leg injury which he told her he had suffered in an automobile accident; that on the occasion of this visit to Chicago she and Fitzgerald obtained an apartment, the address of which she does not remember, but which was near 71st Street; that they did not give up the apartment in Chicago when Fitzgerald left ostensibly for Canada and she went to Mankato. She stated that she next saw Fitzgerald at Mankato about Thanksgiving time of 1933 and went back to Chicago with Fitzgerald shortly after Thanksgiving and stayed at this apartment until about the first of December, when Fitzgerald left stating that he was going to Rochester, Minnesota, to have his leg treated; that she returned to Mankato over the Christmas holidays, and went back to the apartment in Chicago about the middle of January 1934. Fitzgerald returned to Chicago about two weeks later, at which time he was walking with a cane and said he had been in a hospital at Rochester and that he was getting along all right, and that his leg which had been fractured was healing nicely.

BELLE BORN stated that Fitzgerald told her that he was running a night club in Chicago but that he had never taken her to this night club, and during her stay in the apartment with Fitzgerald they had no visitors and she met no friends of his. She

stated that she stayed with Fitzgerald at this apartment until about April or May, at which time she accompanied him to Toledo, Ohio; that Fitzgerald told her that he had an interest in a distillery in Canada and that it would be necessary for him to make his headquarters in Toledo to carry on his liquor business; that a couple of years before this she had met some people in Chicago named WOODS, who then lived in Chicago or Calumet City; that when the trip to Toledo was discussed Fitzgerald said that they would stay with the WOODS as WOODS was then living in Toledo; that when they arrived in Toledo they did stay with WOODS and his wife Allyne; that she left Toledo a short time after her arrival and went back to Mankato and stayed a couple of months and then returned to Toledo. She is unable to give the dates but recalls that she was in Toledo on the Fourth of July of 1934; that while in Toledo, Fitzgerald took her to theaters, restaurants, etc., but never took her to any night clubs and never introduced her to any friends of his, and that she met no one other than a MR. and MRS. JAMES, who visited the WOODS on several occasions. She stated that she does not know the first names of either MR. or MRS. JAMES, but understands that JAMES was running some sort of a gambling place in Toledo.

Photographs of various of the members of the Karpis-Marker gang and their associates were exhibited to BELLE BORN at this point but she could not, or would not, identify any of them. She stated that while in Toledo, Fitzgerald was driving a Buick car which was purchased in Chicago; that in the latter part of August she made a trip back home and returned to Toledo, leaving Fitzgerald in Toledo at this time, and it was on this occasion that Fitzgerald stated that a physician in Toledo had recommended that he go to a warmer climate, and that he had obtained the name of one TOBY WILLIAMS, who operated a hospital at Vallejo, California, and intended to go to this hospital for further treatment; that in the latter part of August, as she recalls, she went to Chicago with Fitzgerald by train; that she did not know at this time whether she wanted to continue on to California but did want to visit an old friend of hers, Mrs. Willie Heeney (sister of Mrs. Jack Davenport), and told Fitzgerald that she would stay in Chicago for a few days and might possibly join him later in San Francisco; that Fitzgerald continued on to San Francisco and stated that he would meet her at the William Taylor Hotel or at the Vallejo General Hospital should she decide to go to California; that she stayed with Mrs. Willie Heeney one night and then left for San Francisco, and upon arrival met Fitzgerald at the William Taylor Hotel. Fitzgerald had not been to the hospital as yet, and before going introduced her to a Mrs.

McCarthy, a rather elderly grey-haired woman, whom Fitzgerald stated was a guest of the hotel who had relatives in Oakland, California, and whom he had known for some time. She stated that Fitzgerald obtained a room at the Vallejo General Hospital, and that during the time he was there, or about the latter part of September, she went to Los Angeles, California, to visit Mrs. George McKenzie, a friend of many years, with whom she stayed for about six weeks, and then returned to San Francisco. She visited Fitzgerald at the hospital and upon learning that he could be released, remained until he was discharged from the hospital and then went back to Toledo with Fitzgerald, this being in November of 1934; that they stayed with WOODS in Toledo; that she went home to Mankato Christmas of 1934 and stayed over New Years, and then returned to Toledo and that about the middle of January she found it necessary to return to Mankato as her aunt was ill and had no one to take care of her, and it was at this time that Fitzgerald told her that he was going to Florida and that she would hear from him later. She has heard nothing from Fitzgerald since that time, and the only information she has obtained was from the person signing the letter "Friend Jim" referred to above.

She stated that she knew nothing concerning a farm or any property which Fitzgerald owned near Chicago or at any other place, nor did she know any persons who were acquainted with Fitzgerald other than as stated above.

It might be stated that Mr. Thomas McMeekin informed BELLE BORN that he had appeared with her at the Bureau office with the understanding that he had instructed her to tell all of the truth concerning her association with Fitzgerald, and that he himself was not satisfied with the explanation she gave as to the reason for separating from Fitzgerald in Chicago enroute to California, but she maintained that there was no other reason than as she had stated above.

At this time a telephone call was received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, who conveyed information pertaining to the present whereabouts of Fitzgerald, and who instructed that no indication be given to BELLE BORN that the Agents conducting the interview did not credit the information supplied by her, so that in compliance with these instructions, no indication was given to BELLE BORN that the Agents doubted the

veracity of her statements, in fact it was represented to her at the outset, and at the conclusion, of the interview that the Agents were satisfied that Fitzgerald was dead and merely wanted further verification of his death.

Fingerprints of HELEN BORN were obtained by Special Agent E. R. McIntire and were forwarded to the Bureau and a copy forwarded to the Chicago Office.

The investigation of the matter relating to the whereabouts of Fitzgerald, which was the subject of the telephone conversation referred to above, will be set forth in a following report.

In view of the information supplied by Special Agent in Charge Connelley, the matter of setting forth leads for San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other points where verification might be obtained of the statements of HELEN BORN, will be left to the discretion of Special Agent in Charge Connelley.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 19, 1935

Transmit the following message to: SAC CLEVELAND

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December 13, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case.  
Removal of Cuban Witnesses  
to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Nathan	.....
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Mr. Baughman	.....
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In keeping with the instructions of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, I telephonically communicated with Mr. Whitley of the New York office at 1:55 P.M. on December 13, 1935, with regard to the above matter.

Mr. Whitley stated that his office has interviewed Mr. Hughes, Comptroller of the National City Bank of New York, who has informed him that the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, has already communicated with the said bank in the hope of removing the Cuban witnesses to St. Paul. Mr. Hughes has indicated that they will work with us. He stated however, that this is the busy season in Cuba and that it is going to be hard to replace the tellers in the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba during the time that their services as witnesses will be required in St. Paul. He indicated, however, that this matter could be taken care of all right in Cuba. He also stated that the climate in St. Paul is extremely cold and that the bank is a little bit reluctant to order these witnesses to proceed to St. Paul since they might come down with pneumonia. He indicated, however, that if these men were clad in warm clothing there would be little likelihood of their catching cold. He said that he did not feel it was the responsibility of such tellers of this bank to go to the expense of providing themselves with suitable clothing for cold weather. I told Mr. Whitley he could tell Mr. Hughes the Bureau would be willing to supply the witnesses with the necessary warm clothing. I also advised Mr. Whitley that in the event they were reluctant to proceed to St. Paul, he could advise the officials of the bank that we would be willing to let them remain in Cuba until such time as their services were absolutely necessary; that they would then be advised telegraphically to proceed to St. Paul, and they could travel by airplane if this was not objectionable; that the Government would see that they were put on immediately upon their arrival in St. Paul, and that they could return to Havana, Cuba, by plane. It would appear, therefore, that the Government could dispense with the services of these witnesses in such a manner that they would not be away from Havana for a period of more than seven or eight days.

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I told Mr. Whitley to impress this fact upon the officials of the banks in New York City. Mr. Whitley indicated that everything looks very good insofar as the matter of having the witnesses from the National City Bank of Havana, Cuba, proceed to St. Paul is concerned.

Mr. Whitley stated that his office has also communicated with Mr. Sherill, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York. Mr. Sherill is a former Special Agent of the Bureau. Mr. Whitley was informed that Mr. Sherill knew nothing about this matter, that he wanted to cooperate with the Bureau, but that he first wanted the full details in the matter. He is therefore communicating with his branch bank in Havana, Cuba to ascertain the number and identity of witnesses who have been requested to proceed to St. Paul, and also to ascertain the identity of the books and records which will be necessary for trial purposes. Mr. Whitley indicated that he will keep in close touch with Mr. Sherill and will advise the Bureau immediately. He indicated that there is a very good possibility that Mr. Sherill will order such witnesses as the Government desires to proceed to St. Paul in keeping with our request.

Mr. Sherill presented the same arguments with regard to clothing. I told Mr. Whitley that the Bureau would stand the expense of furnishing these witnesses with the necessary warm clothing. I told Mr. Whitley that if he has any difficulty in persuading Mr. Sherill to order the witnesses to proceed to St. Paul, he should inform Mr. Sherill that this is undoubtedly the most important case which the Bureau has ever handled; that we are presently trying two men in St. Paul who are very dangerous gangsters, and a third man, namely Cassius McDonald, who is an international confidence man of the first rank; that he will never be prosecuted unless the Government prosecutes him, and that if we are deprived of the necessary witnesses from Cuba, we might just as well fold up now and not go forth with the trial; that if we were compelled to proceed to trial without the witnesses, it would mean that Cassius McDonald could not be tried; that if he were tried at a later date it appears very obvious that the Government would not succeed in convicting him if tried separately; that unless he is tried together with Sawyer and Weaver, the Government's chances for convicting Sawyer are very slender. I told Mr. Whitley to impress Mr. Sherill with the extreme importance of this case and the dire necessity of having the necessary witnesses present at the proper time. He said he would follow this matter very closely.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

Mr. Nathan  
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*Edward J. Bremer*

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FBI LOS ANGELES 12-20-35 TWO PM  
DIRECTOR  
SAC CONNELLEY  
PHONE. BREKID. DEVELOPMENTS HERE TODAY CONCERNING FITZGERALD ARE THAT  
INFORMATION OBTAINED THAT HIS SECRETARY THE ROBERTSON WOMAN MADE STATEMENT  
YESTERDAY THAT SHE HAD LEFT FORMERS EMPLOY. LEAVING WORD AT HIS APARTMENT THAT  
IF HE GOT DRUNK SHE SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED. ASCERTAINED THAT ONE BROWN JOINT  
BANK ACCOUNT OF THE TWO WAS CLOSED ON DECEMBER 17. FURTHER THAT FITZGERALD  
CONTEMPLATED LEAVING HERE BY PLANE ON NIGHT OF DECEMBER 19 FOR VISIT TO  
CHICAGO EVIDENTLY TO RETURN HERE. HOWEVER, HE CANCELLED THESE PLANS AND  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P.O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California

December 19, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of December 3, 1935, (7-576) addressed to the Kansas City Office wherein it is requested that offices receiving copies of that letter interview the parties noted therein within their respective districts with a view to obtaining information as to who purchased the underwear and other articles of clothing which were worn by victim Bremer upon his release from the hideout at Bensenville, Illinois.

Reference is also made to letter from the Kansas City Office to this office dated December 7, 1935, which enclosed a copy of the receipt executed by Mrs. Rodney Davis, mother of Volney Davis, for the money and property of Volney Davis.

Appropriate arrangements to interview Volney Davis at Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary were made through Assistant Warden Major C.J. Shuttleworth. In this connection it should be stated that there are no interview rooms provided in the Alcatraz Island Federal Penitentiary for the interview of prisoners, and previous interviews in the past with prisoners have been conducted in a vacant part of the cell block near the solitary confinement cells. On this particular occasion, however, all of the solitary confinement cells were occupied and it was therefore necessary for Major Shuttleworth to arrange a vacant cell on the opposite side of the cell block and in view of the prison library for Agent to conduct interview with Volney Davis.

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In accordance with arrangements made with Major Shuttleworth, Agent W.R. Ramsey of this office proceeded to Alcatraz Island to interview Davis. On the day in question dental calls had been arranged for various other prisoners in order that the fact that Davis was held out of the regular work detail on this particular day would not be noticeable.

Upon being brought out of his cell, however, on the occasion of this visit of Agent Ramsey to Alcatraz, Davis asked Major Shuttleworth if any one was there to see him and upon being advised that such was the case stated that he did not desire to see any one. However, he was requested by Major Shuttleworth to personally make this statement to the person desiring to see him.

Davis then came to the cell where Agent was waiting to interview him and stated in a loud voice, obviously intended for the other prisoners to hear, "I don't want to talk to anyone." He refused to come into the cell which was improvised for an interview room. However, with a view to dissolving the attitude of Davis, Agent Ramsey advised him that he did not desire to secure any information from him but desired to show him some papers of interest to him. Davis then hesitated and Agent advised him that the day in question had been set aside as a dental call day and that other prisoners in addition to Davis had been held out of the regular working ranks and that therefore no prisoner would know of this interview with him. Agent Ramsey also advised him that his, Agent's, presence was unknown to other prisoners and that this meeting with Agent would not be known. Davis immediately stated that "I know different" and that with "These cons in here I can't do it."

At this time Agent exhibited to Davis the copy of receipt signed by Mrs. Rodney Davis for the money of Davis which had been turned over to her. Davis looked at this receipt and read it, but immediately handed it back and said he did not want to be interviewed, that he could not be interviewed in view of the attitude of the convicts at Alcatraz, and immediately walked back to the guard requesting to go to his cell.

In spite of Davis' refusal to be interviewed on this occasion, a later attempt will be made to interview him.

Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*  
Jay C. Newman  
Special Agent in Charge

AIRMAIL  
WRR:MG  
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cc - Mr. Connelley, Cincinnati, Detroit,  
Cleveland, Omaha, Kansas City.

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R WHITLEY  
FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
370 Lexington Avenue Room 1403  
New York City NY

URGENT WIRE IMMEDIATELY RESULTS YOUR CONTACT WITH NATIONAL CITY BANK  
CONCERNING HAVANA WITNESSES

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago,  
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*Col. Gandy (operator)*



Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida  
December 19, 1935.

Mr. E. J. Connelley  
Post Office Box 513  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREMER.

[REDACTED]

NY Special Delivery Letter addressed to Mr.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to Mr. [REDACTED] at  
[REDACTED] Jacksonville, Florida; [REDACTED] 12-19-35, at 11:30 AM; return  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Station (?), 12th Detroit, Mich., Toledo.

[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

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E. A. Alt  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Ed George Bremer

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Post Office Box 4807,  
Jacksonville, Florida

December 19, 1935

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 612,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: MURKIN

Reference is made to letter of September 19,  
1935, enclosing a copy of letterhead memorandum to Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
1535 West Park Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, regarding the return  
address of Mr. E. J. Connelley, Post Office Box 4807, Jacksonville,  
Florida.

Very truly yours,  
The above information is in confirmation of telegram  
sent you this morning.

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY  
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**R J CONNELLEY**  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BLDG  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

URGENT PURSUANT REQUEST YOUR LETTER YESTERDAY  
LETTER MAILED WILL LEAVE JACKSONVILLE TOMORROW  
CHICAGO SATURDAY MORNING SEVEN YOUR INSTRUCTIONS FULLY  
COMPLIED WITH

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11:00 AM  
cc Bureau  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati  
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*Ans*

OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
GOVERNMENT RATE  
Chg. F. B. I., U. S. Dept of Justice  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

*Ed. George Brend*

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H E ANDERSEN  
FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE  
232 Uptown Station & Federal Courts  
St Paul Minn

NEEKID TWO WITNESSES NATIONAL HOTEL HAVANA HAVE ARRIVED TO PROCEED TO STPAUL  
ALT

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cc - Bureau ✓  
E. J. Connelley, Chicago,  
Cincinnati

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*Ed George Bremer*

AR:WFE

December 19, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,

Aberdeen, South Dakota.

*ALL Field Offices*  
Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218; et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In the near future the Bureau will issue an identification order on William Elmer Mead. In order that all offices will have a thorough understanding of Mead's background, his habits, contacts, friends, and method of operating, it is requested that each office immediately prepare a summary report of all the information in its files and furnish the same to all interested offices. Mead's criminal activities and places of residence have never been connected to any one particular area, for which reason it is felt that each office in the country should be furnished with all pertinent available data concerning Mead. It is desired that these summary reports be prepared and forwarded to interested field offices not later than January 20, 1936.

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As a matter of assistance in this investigation, the Bureau is transmitting under separate cover to each field office five positive photostatic copies of Mead's handwriting which he has signed in handwriting, using the name of C. E. Carter; ten positive photostatic copies of Mead's handwriting which he signed using the name of W. E. Mead; two photographic copies of Mead's fingerprint card, showing the mutilated condition of his fingerprints, the same card bearing his signature as C. E. Carter, and two photographs of Mead. Communications Section is transmitting to each office under separate cover five copies of a group photograph of Mead showing him in a standing position, and five copies of a bust photograph of Mead.

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For your confidential information, Mead is wanted for questioning in connection with Bremer Kidnaping Case. In 1933 at St. Louis, Missouri, one Martin Wunderlich, 530 Noyer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, was mulcted out of \$200,000 in a confidence scheme by Mead. In order to enable himself to continue in his road construction

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work, Wunderlich borrowed \$100,000 from Edward George Bremer. This information should not be disclosed to anyone other than Special Agents since it might jeopardize Wunderlich's financial position with bonding companies. The Bureau feels that Mead may have some knowledge of the Bremer kidnaping and the request is therefore being made of each field ~~thorough investigation looking toward his apprehension.~~

Mead, as one Clark, alias W. Elmer Mead, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 15, 1922, charged with Mail Fraud. A bond of \$10,000 was posted by Mead on April 2, 1934, which bond was later estreated and a capias was issued for his failure to appear.

From information developed in the investigation of the Dillinger case, it appears that Mead, using the alias of Lane, has been familiar with Louis Piquett and Arthur O'Leary for some time. Piquett and O'Leary introduced Dr. William Loesser to Mead at Elgin, Illinois during the spring of 1934. Arrangements were then made for Loesser to proceed to Louisville, Kentucky, where on May 26, 1934, he altered the fingerprints of Mead.

Mead has used the following aliases:

J. W. Reed	E. E. Laird	one Clark
John Henry Foster	Edward E. Gaynor	C. L. Lane
Edwin Elza Gaynor	C. C. Chase	C. E. Charles
Charles E. Carter	John J. Meadows	Frank Taylor
G. C. Chase	William E. Reed	William E. Meade
J. W. Barker	"Judge"	J. C. Walters
J. H. Parker	J. W. Read	J. W. Parker
"Christ Kid"	one Fuller	Frank F. Taylor
		Dr. John P. Carver

Kate Mead, the wife of William Elmer Mead, has used the following aliases:

Marie Mead	Mrs. C. C. Chase
Katherine Mead	"Klondike Kate"
Kate Schmidt	"Frisco Kate"
Kate Schmitt	"California Kate"

She is described as follows:

Age	45 years	Complexion	Medium
Height	5 feet 4 to 5 inches	Hair	Brown turning grey
Weight	165 pounds	Eyes	Blue
Build	Heavy	Nationality	American
		Scar on inner forearm of right arm.	

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Mead's description is as follows:

Age	58 years (1935)
Height	5 feet, 10 to 11 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Grey (partially bald)
Mustache	Grey
Eyes	Blue (occasionally wears eyeglasses)
Nationality	American
Occupation	Confidence man
Peculiarities	Speaks with a querulous voice; frequently uses "Ain't" and double negatives; apparently has worn a toupee; left eye blinks nervously; left shoulder and left side of face partially paralyzed; right corner of mouth is drawn down when speaking; religion, Catholic; marital status, married.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.